

β Cephei stars in the ASAS-3 data

II. 103 new β Cephei stars and a discussion of low-frequency modes

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ABSTRACT

Context. The β Cephei stars have been studied for over a hundred years. Despite this, many interesting problems related to this class of variable stars remain unsolved. Fortunately, these stars seem to be well-suited to asteroseismology. Hence, the results of seismic analysis of β Cephei stars should help us to better understand pulsations and the main sequence evolution of massive stars, particularly the effect of rotation on mode excitation and internal structure. It is therefore extremely important to increase the sample of known β Cephei stars and select targets that are useful for asteroseismology.

Aims. We analysed ASAS-3 photometry of bright early-type stars with the goal of finding new β Cephei stars. We were particularly interested in β Cephei stars that would be good for seismic analysis, i.e., stars that (i) have a large number of excited modes, (ii) show rotationally split modes, (iii) are components of eclipsing binary systems, (iv) have low-frequency modes, that is, are hybrid β Cephei/SPB stars.

Methods. Our study was made with a homogeneous sample of over 4100 stars having MK spectral type B5 or earlier. For these stars, the ASAS-3 photometry was analysed by means of a Fourier periodogram.

Results. We have discovered 103 β Cephei stars, nearly doubling the number of previously known stars of this type. Among these stars, four are components of eclipsing binaries, seven have modes equidistant or nearly equidistant in frequency. In addition, we found five β Cephei stars that show low-frequency periodic variations, very likely due to pulsations. We therefore regard them as candidate hybrid β Cephei/SPB pulsators. All these stars are potentially very useful for seismic modeling. Moreover, we found β Cephei-type pulsations in three late O-type stars and fast period changes in one, HD 168050.

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1. Introduction

This is the second paper in the series presenting results of a search for β Cephei-type pulsating variables in the *V*-filter photometry in the third phase of the All Sky Automated Survey, ASAS-3 (Pojmański 1997, 2000; Pojmański et al. 2005). In the first paper of the series (Pigulski & Pojmański 2007, hereafter Paper I), we published the results of an analysis of the ASAS-3 photometry for 41 of about 112 presently known β Cephei-type stars, that is, all that had sufficiently good photometry in the ASAS-3 database. The analysis allowed us to detect amplitude changes in three β Cephei stars, BW Cru, V836 Cen and V348 Nor, and period changes in KK Vel and V836 Cen. In addition, new modes were found or ambiguities in the frequencies of previously detected modes were removed for some stars.

The published ASAS catalogues, containing photometry of variable star candidates, have already been used to discover β Cephei stars. In total, 19 new members of this group have been found in the ASAS data (Pigulski 2005; Handler 2005). However, owing to the fact that the method of selection of variable stars was biased towards large-amplitude variables, all these 19 stars had relatively large amplitudes. Therefore, it was obvious that once a detailed analysis of the whole ASAS-3 database has been done, many new stars of this type, with smaller am-

plitudes, will be found. Such an analysis will be carried out in the future, but because the whole ASAS database contains millions of stars and the period(s) alone are not sufficient to classify a given star as a β Cephei variable, we decided to proceed in a different way. Using the information in the existing stellar catalogues, we selected stars that are known to be either O-type or early B-type stars and analysed ASAS-3 photometry for these stars only. The selection criteria are explained in Sect. 2. As a result, nearly 300 β Cephei stars were discovered of which the first part is discussed in this paper. This will allow us to define the properties of the whole class much better and, in view of the increasing interest in the study of these stars by means of asteroseismology, to select appropriate targets for subsequent work. In the present paper we describe the results of the search for β Cephei-type stars among objects selected from the five volumes of the Michigan Catalogue for HD stars. The ASAS-3 photometry for stars selected using other catalogues will be discussed in the next paper.

2. Selection of early-type stars

The existing catalogues contain many different types of data that allow selecting early-type stars. The early B and O-type stars can be best selected using either the information on spectral types or the *UBV* photometry. For this reason, the obvi-

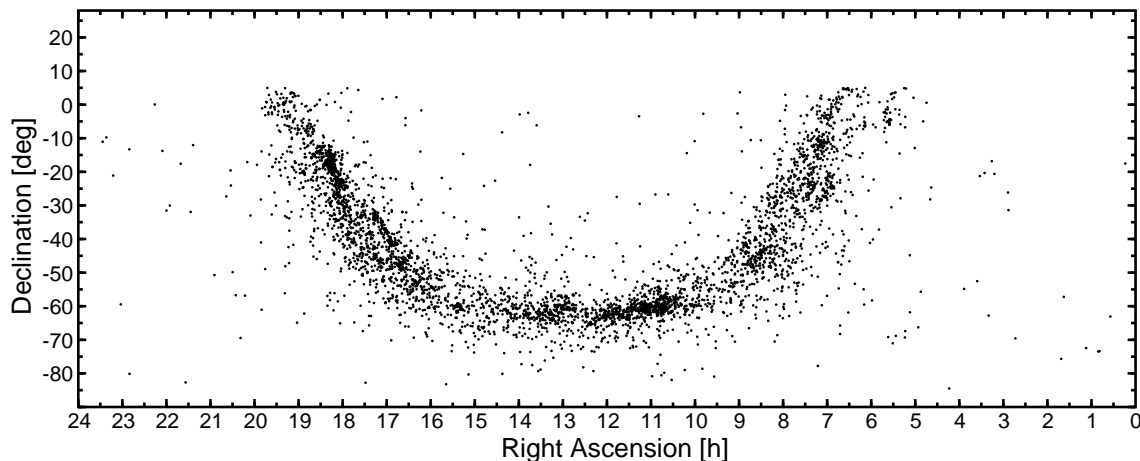


Fig. 1. Location in equatorial coordinates of all stars with $V > 7$ mag, $\delta < +5^\circ$ and of spectral type B5 or earlier, selected from Michigan Catalogues as candidates for β Cephei stars.

ous choice of the source of the information on spectral types was the *Michigan Catalogue of Two-Dimensional Spectral Types for the HD stars* (Houk & Cowley 1975; Houk 1978, 1982; Houk & Smith-Moore 1988; Houk & Swift 1999). The five volumes of this catalogue contain MK spectral types for 161 472 stars south of declination $+5^\circ$. The stars are the same as those in *The Henry Draper Catalogue* (Cannon & Pickering 1918–1924), i.e., are brighter than ~ 10 mag in V . This means that all stars fainter than ~ 7 mag with HD numbers will have good ASAS-3 photometry because the ASAS survey covers the range of V magnitudes between 7 and 14 mag.

While selecting stars from the Michigan Catalogue, we used only two conditions: (i) $V > 7$ mag (brighter stars are overexposed in the ASAS V -filter frames), (ii) MK spectral type B5 or earlier. In this way, about 4100 stars were selected. Their equatorial coordinates are plotted in Fig. 1. As expected, the stars concentrate along the Galactic plane. For all these stars, the ASAS-3 photometry was extracted, and subsequently analysed by means of Fourier periodograms in the frequency range from 0 to 40 d^{-1} .

A star was regarded as variable if the signal-to-noise (S/N) of the highest peak in the periodogram exceeded 5.

3. The results

In total, 103 β Cephei stars were found in the sample of about 4100 stars selected using Michigan Catalogue. These stars are listed in Tab. 1; the frequencies, amplitudes and times of maximum light for the detected modes are presented in Tab. 2, available online. In addition, periodograms showing the consecutive steps of prewhitening are shown in Figs. 2–14, also available as online material.¹

The ASAS-3 photometry we analysed was carried out with a Johnson V filter. The data cover the time interval between the beginning of the project in 2000 and the end of February, 2006. As already shown in Paper I, the ASAS-3 data suffer from daily aliases. Consequently, the frequencies of some modes we provide in Tab. 2, especially of those with the smallest amplitudes, might be in error by 1 or even 2 cycles per sidereal day. On the other hand, the yearly aliases are relatively low in the ASAS-3 data (see Paper I).

¹ The V photometry for all 103 stars is available in electronic form at the CDS via anonymous ftp to cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr (130.79.128.5) or via <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/cgi-bin/qcat?J/A+A/???>

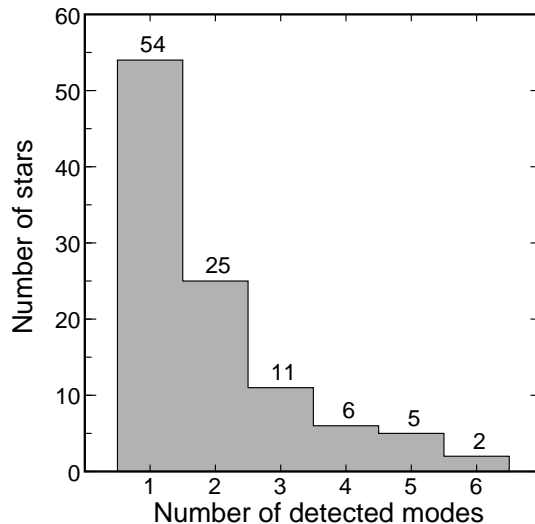


Fig. 15. The histogram of the number of detected modes for the 103 new β Cephei-type stars.

3.1. Detected modes

With a detection threshold typical for one-site ground-based data, up to several modes were detected in a single β Cephei star. Currently, the largest number of independent modes, fourteen, was observed in ν Eridani as a result of a large photometric campaign (Jerzykiewicz et al. 2005). Another β Cephei star with large number of detected modes, namely eleven, is 12 (DD) Lacertae (Handler et al. 2006). A histogram showing the number of detected modes in our sample of the 103 new β Cephei stars is shown in Fig. 15. In total, 198 independent modes were detected. Up to six modes were found in a single star; there are two such objects, HD 74339 and HD 86214. Some stars with the largest number of detected modes will be discussed in Sect. 3.3. The detection threshold, DT, defined as four times the average amplitude in the Fourier periodogram of the residuals in the range $0\text{--}40 \text{ d}^{-1}$, is shown with open circles in Fig. 16 and listed in Tab. 2. Typically, it amounts to 3–5 mmag. On the other hand, the standard deviation of the residuals, RSD, which can be regarded as the mean accuracy of a single measurement, equals to 10–15 mmag, depending on the magnitude (Fig. 16, see also Tab. 2). In addition, it can be seen from Fig. 16 that all but sev-

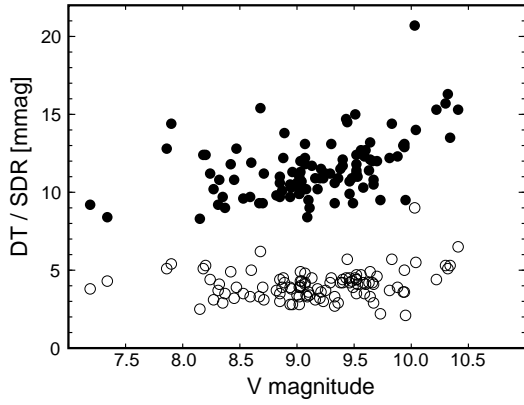


Fig. 16. Detection threshold, DT (open circles), and standard deviation of the residuals, SDR (filled circles), for the ASAS-3 photometry of the 103 new β Cephei stars, plotted against their V magnitude. Detection threshold was defined as corresponding to $S/N = 4$.

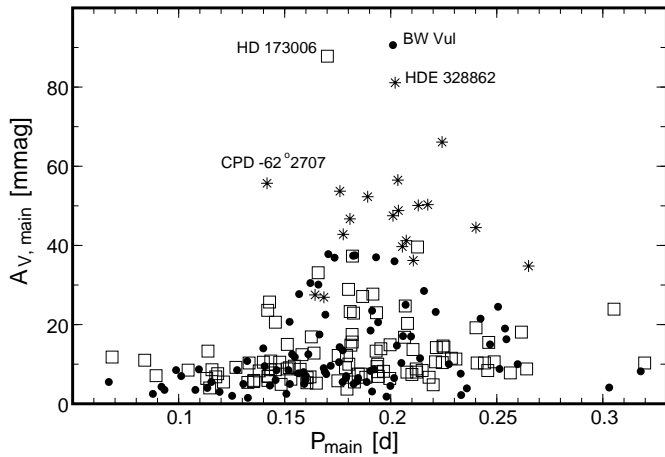


Fig. 17. V -filter semi-amplitude of the main mode, $A_{V,\text{main}}$, plotted as a function of the period of this mode, P_{main} . Black dots denote β Cephei stars listed by Stankov & Handler (2005); α Vir and ω^1 Sco are not plotted. Stars discovered by Handler (2005) and Pigulski (2005) are shown with asterisks, and those listed in Tab. 1, as open squares. The four stars discussed in the text are labelled.

eral stars have V magnitudes in the range between 8 and 10, i.e., are quite bright. The brightest β Cephei-type star we found, at magnitude $V = 7.19$, is HD 149100.

3.2. Amplitudes and periods

Among stars listed in the review paper of Stankov & Handler (2005), the well-known β Cephei-type BW Vul is exceptional because of its high amplitude. As we can see from Fig. 17, the stars discovered in the ASAS data by Handler (2005) and Pigulski (2005) fill the gap in amplitudes between BW Vul and the other stars. One star from that sample, HDE 328862, has the amplitude similar to that of BW Vul. For another one, CPD $-62^\circ 2707$, a harmonic of the main mode, an indication of non-sinusoidal light curve, was detected. In our list of newly discovered β Cephei stars there is another star with an exceptionally large amplitude, HD 173006.

BW Vulpeculae is known for its unusual non-sinusoidal light curve, with a standstill on the raising branch (Fig. 18). It is interesting to note that a standstill was also found in the low-amplitude mode of 15 (EY) Cma (Shobbrook et al. 2006). In Fig. 18, we plot phase diagrams for the main modes of BW Vul and the three large-amplitude stars mentioned above. It can be seen that HD 173006 and HDE 328862 also exhibit a standstill although it is not so clearly visible as for BW Vul due to the larger scatter of datapoints. The light curve for BW Vul shown in Fig. 18 was obtained in Strömgren b filter, but it is very similar in shape to that in V (see, e.g., Sterken et al. 1993).

As can be seen in Fig. 17, the periods of modes detected in the new β Cephei stars match very well the range covered by already known stars. It seems that the largest amplitudes occur in stars with intermediate periods; for the shortest and the longest periods amplitudes are rather small. This result qualitatively agrees with the recent non-linear calculations of Smolec & Moskalik (2007) for radial modes in β Cephei stars.

There were ten known β Cephei stars having modes with periods shorter than 0.1 d, of which six are members of the open cluster NGC 6231 (see, e.g., Balona & Laney 1995). We detect four next ones, HD 115313, 152060, 165955, and 171141. The shortest period, 0.0686 d, was found in HD 115313. It is interesting to note that HD 152060 = Braes 122 = NGC 6231-308 is located $28'$ off the centre of NGC 6231. It is thus possible that this star is a member of the cluster or of the Sco OB1 association surrounding NGC 6231.

On the other side of the period range we knew two stars with periods slightly longer than 0.3 days, V986 Oph with period equal to 0.303 d (Cuypers et al. 1989) and Oo 2299 in the open cluster χ Persei with period of 0.31788 d, (Krzeseński & Pigulski 1997). We found two stars with periods longer than 0.3 d (see, however, Sect. 3.4): HD 101838 ($P = 0.31973$ d, a member of the open cluster Stock 14 and a component of an eclipsing binary, see Sect. 3.7) and HD 153772 = vdBH 81a ($P = 0.30527$ d), in the core of the R association vdBH 81 (van den Bergh & Herbst 1975; Herbst 1975).

As we already explained in the Introduction, we expected to detect β Cephei stars with smaller amplitudes than those found earlier in the ASAS data by Handler (2005) and Pigulski (2005). Fig. 17 shows that this is indeed the case.

3.3. Multiplicity and splittings

As mentioned in Sect. 3.1 (see also Fig. 15), about half of the new β Cephei stars are multiperiodic. In order to show how the modes are spread over the frequencies, in Fig. 19 we plot the differences, Δf , between frequency of a given mode, f_i , and the frequency of the main mode, f_1 , as a function of f_1 . By the main mode we mean the mode with the largest amplitude and period shorter than 0.32 d. We see from Fig. 19 that Δf is usually small in comparison with f_1 and the value of $|\Delta f|/f_1$ rarely exceeds 0.2; in most cases it is much smaller. There are, however, a few exceptions. First, for HD 126357, the frequencies of two modes, $f_2 = 8.54271$ d $^{-1}$ and $f_3 = 8.07010$ d $^{-1}$, are about twice the frequency of the main mode ($f_1 = 4.06927$ d $^{-1}$). This situates these two modes close to the $f_i = 2f_1$ line in Fig. 19. Next, we have five stars with modes that are placed below $f_i = f_1/2$ line (asterisks in Fig. 19). We will discuss these stars in Sect. 3.4.

Rotational splittings are observed in some β Cephei stars. Good examples are ν Eri (Jerzykiewicz et al. 2005), V836 Cen (Aerts et al. 2004), and θ Oph (Handler et al. 2005). The presence of two modes closely spaced in frequency does not prove that we deal with rotational splitting although this possibility has

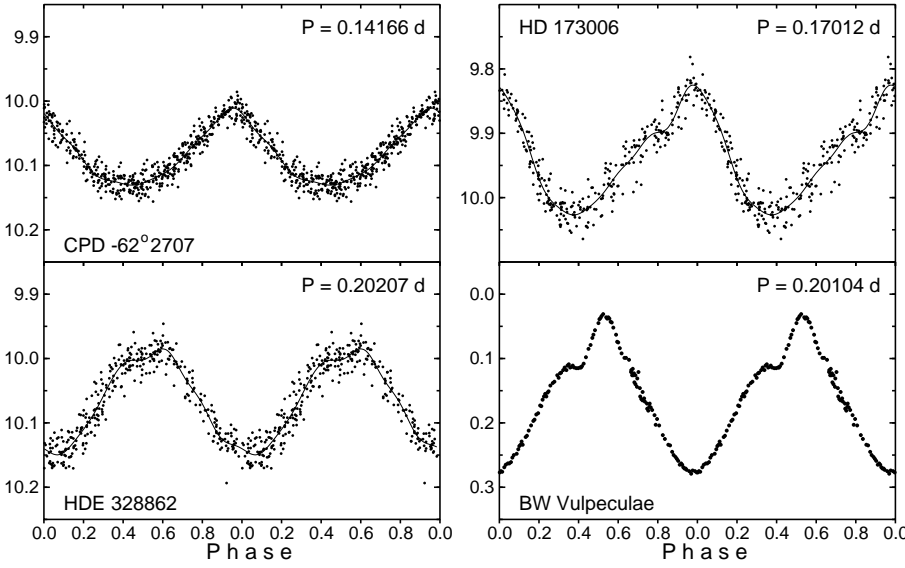


Fig. 18. Light curves of three large-amplitude β Cephei stars discovered in the ASAS-3 data and BW Vulpeculae. Continuous lines are fits including the main frequency and five lowest harmonics. For the ASAS-3 stars, the ordinate is the V magnitude, for BW Vul, differential Strömgren b magnitude. Observations of BW Vul were taken from the 1982 campaign data (Sterken et al. 1986).

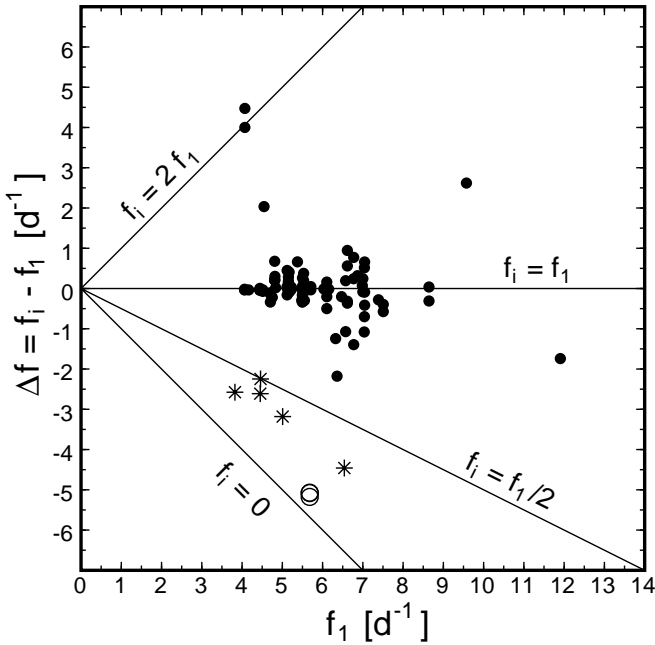


Fig. 19. The difference, $\Delta f = f_i - f_1$, where f_i is the frequency of a given mode and f_1 , the frequency of the main mode, for 49 multiperiodic β Cephei stars discovered in this paper. Low-frequency modes (see Sect. 3.4) are shown as asterisks. In addition, long-period modes for HD 133823 (Paper I) are shown with open circles.

to be considered in such a case. When three or more equally (or almost equally) spaced modes are observed, the rotational splitting is an obvious conclusion. However, it can happen accidentally that three modes of different ℓ form an equidistant triplet, as found for 12 (DD) Lac (Handler et al. 2006).

The rotationally split modes are potentially very useful for mode identification and asteroseismology. We therefore checked the frequencies of the detected modes in the new β Cephei stars for possible rotational splittings. The results are summarized in Tab. 3 and shown in Fig. 20. We list only stars in which inequality of separations is smaller than 20%. The most interesting are the first two stars in Tab. 20, HD 74339 and HD 86214, those

Table 3. Possible rotational splittings for seven stars from our sample. Designation of frequencies is the same as in Tab. 2.

Star	Δf	Splitting [d^{-1}]	Note
HD 74339	$f_3 - f_5$	0.01690(4)	quadruplet
	$f_4 - f_3$	0.01673(4)	
	$f_6 - f_4$	0.01669(4)	
HD 86214	$f_2 - f_5$	0.00468(5)	quadruplet
	$f_3 - f_2$	0.00505(4)	
	$f_4 - f_3$	0.00495(4)	
HD 94065	$f_5 - f_3$	0.00155(4)	triplet
	$f_2 - f_5$	0.00139(4)	
HD 98260	$f_3 - f_2$	0.03716(4)	triplet
	$f_1 - f_3$	0.03386(4)	
HD 168750	$f_3 - f_2$	0.01833(2)	triplet
	$f_1 - f_3$	0.01838(4)	
HD 173502	$f_3 - f_4$	0.17543(9)	triplet
	$f_1 - f_3$	0.16308(3)	
HD 186610	$f_1 - f_3$	0.03871(4)	triplet
	$f_4 - f_1$	0.03863(5)	

that in our sample have the largest number of detected modes. In both stars equidistant quadruplets are observed. It is quite likely that modes listed in Tab. 3 are parts of a rotationally split $\ell = 1$ or 2 modes. This, however, needs to be verified by mode identification, as was done for 12 Lac.

3.4. Stars with long periods

The longest periods observed in Galactic β Cephei stars rarely exceed 0.3 d (see Fig. 17) and until recent years there was no clear evidence for the presence of low-frequency g modes in these stars. From the theoretical point of view, however, some overlap of the instability strips of β Cephei and slowly pulsating B (SPB) stars (e.g., Pamyatnykh 1999) indicated that some hybrid objects might be found. The recent campaigns on two well-known β Cephei stars, ν Eri (Jerzykiewicz et al. 2005) and 12 (DD) Lac (Handler et al. 2006), led to the discovery of low-frequency mode(s) in these stars.

On the other hand, Kołaczowski et al. (2004, 2006) announced the discovery of a large number of short-period variable stars in the Magellanic Clouds showing long-period mode(s) (periods in the range of 0.4–1 d) in addition to mode(s) typical

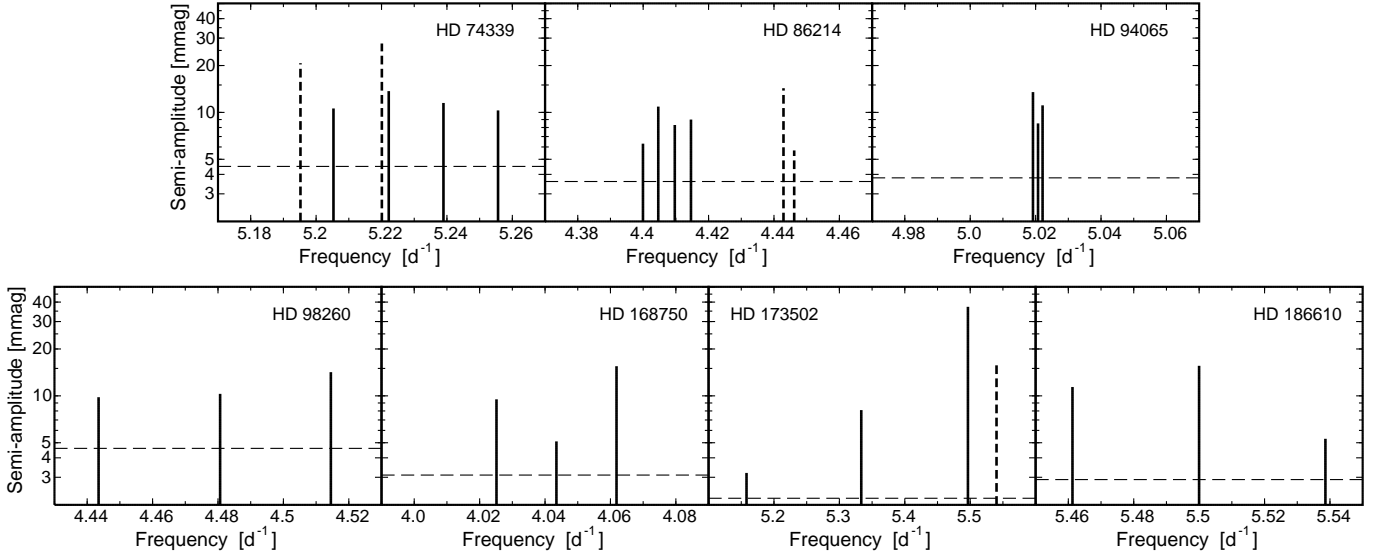


Fig. 20. Schematic frequency spectra in the vicinity of the possible rotationally split modes of seven new β Cephei stars. For all stars but HD 173502 the frequency range shown is equal to 0.1 d^{-1} . Modes which are not components of the suggested multiplets are plotted with dashed lines. See also Tab. 3.

Table 4. Stars with periods longer than 0.4 d.

Star	Short period [d]	Long period [d]	Note
HD 99205	0.26161	0.80203	
HD 101794	0.22447	0.54362	V916 Cen, Be
HD 116827	0.22429	0.45217	Be
HD 117357	0.15291	0.48052	Be
HD 122831	0.19968	0.54730	

for β Cephei stars. The origin of these long-period modes still needs to be explained. We will come back to the discussion of this problem in Sect. 4.

In the ASAS-3 data we have found five stars having periods considerably longer than 0.3 d (Fig. 19), namely, in the range between 0.45 and 0.80 d. These stars are listed in Tab. 4. The most interesting of the five stars listed in Tab. 4 is HD 101794 = V916Cen = Stock14-13. The star is a member of the loose open cluster Stock 14 = Lodén 462/465 (Lodén 1973), although Hunphreys (1978) and Kaltscheva et al. (1994) include it to the association Cru OB1. The star was classified as B1IVne by Garrison et al. (1977). Its Be status was confirmed by measurements of the β index (Moffat & Vogt 1975; Klare & Neckel 1977; Johansson 1981; Kaltscheva 2003) and H α photometry (McSwain & Gies 2005).

HD 101794 was discovered as variable by Hipparcos and was subsequently named V916Cen. The star was assigned the variability type of γ Cas, which labels B-type stars showing erratic long-term changes with a range up to 0.5 mag. Surprisingly, HD 101794 is also an eclipsing star (see Sect. 3.7). There are at least two other periodic terms superimposed on the variability due to eclipses (Tab. 4). One of them has a period in the β Cephei domain ($P = 0.22447 \text{ d}$) and this is the reason for including the star in the list of β Cephei stars. Another periodicity, with a period of about 0.54362 d, can be attributed to a λ Eridani-type variability.

Another star from Tab. 4, HD 116827, is also known to be a Be star (MacConnell 1981). Houk & Cowley (1975) classify the

star as B2/5 (Vn) and note that the H β line may be partially filled in, a clear indication of a weak emission.

The third new β Cephei star with both short and long-period variability, is HD 117357. It shows even stronger emission than HD 101794 in hydrogen Balmer lines (Schmidt-Kaler 1964; Garrison et al. 1977; Wiegert & Garrison 1998; Yudin 2001). The emission in H β is confirmed by two measurements of the β index: 2.522 (Deutschmann et al. 1976) and 2.502 (Klare & Neckel 1977).

There is no recorded evidence for emission in hydrogen lines for the two remaining stars in Tab. 4, HD 99205 and HD 122831. Since three of five stars in Tab. 4 show Balmer-line emission and only two of the remaining 98 β Cephei stars are known as Be stars, it is hard to believe that the occurrence of long periods and Balmer-line emission remains unrelated. We will come back to the discussion of the origin of long periods in these stars in Sect. 4.

3.5. Period and amplitude changes

Period and amplitude changes are observed in some β Cephei stars (Jerzykiewicz & Pigulski 1998, Paper I); they usually take place on a time scale of years or decades. Because ASAS-3 data cover five years, we may expect detecting period changes only if they are very fast. Indeed, only one star, HD 168050, shows pronounced period changes. The photometry of HD 168050 reveals not only two modes attributable to the β Cephei-type variability (Tab. 2), but also eclipses (see Sect. 3.7), indicating that the pulsating star is a component of an eclipsing binary. For one of the detected pulsation modes, the period is stable, while for the other the period increases rapidly. We show the O–C diagram for both modes in Fig. 21. Assuming constant rate of period change for P_2 , we get $dP_2/dt = 104 \pm 8 \text{ s century}^{-1}$. This is the fastest change of period ever detected in a β Cephei-type star. Times of maximum light for both modes of HD 168050 are given in Tab. 5.

As far as the long-term amplitude changes are concerned, we found no clear evidence for them among the newly discovered β Cephei stars.

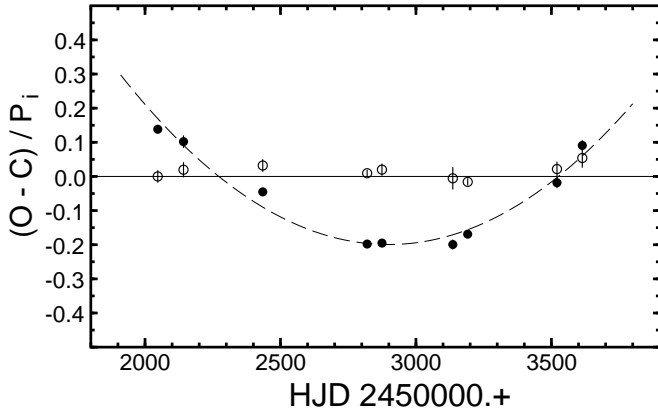


Fig. 21. The O–C diagram for both modes detected in HD 168050. The dashed line represents constant rate of period change equal to $104 \text{ s century}^{-1}$.

Table 5. Time of maximum light for both modes detected in HD 168050.

$T_{\max,1}$	$T_{\max,2}$
[HJD 2450000.0+]	
2047.1099(20)	2047.0437(33)
2142.0830(33)	2142.0758(40)
2434.5649(21)	2434.5908(33)
2819.8627(12)	2819.8428(18)
2874.6522(18)	2874.5004(32)
3135.9806(26)	3135.9672(59)
3190.9553(18)	3191.0019(19)
3520.4374(29)	3520.4664(39)
3613.9949(28)	3613.9773(51)

3.6. O-type stars

Although B0 is the earliest spectral type of known β Cephei stars, from the theoretical point of view the instability strip of β Cephei stars extends to O-type stars (see, e.g., Pamyatnykh 1999). The searches for β Cephei-type pulsations in O-type stars, both in the Galactic field (Balona 1992) and Cygnus OB2 association (Pigulski & Kołaczowski 1998), were not conclusive, however. On the other hand, line-profile variations were observed in some fast-rotating late O-type stars such as ζ Oph (Vogt & Penrod 1983; Kambe et al. 1990). They were usually attributed to pulsations in modes with relatively high ℓ , undetectable in photometry. A recent MOST satellite photometry of ζ Oph (Walker et al. 2005a) clearly revealed β Cephei-type pulsations. It is therefore reasonable to regard ζ Oph and several other late O-type stars showing non-radial pulsations in line profiles (Fullerton et al. 1996; Balona & Dziembowski 1999) as β Cephei stars.

Among the new β Cephei stars, there are at least two O-type stars. The first one is HD 91651 = HIP 51681, a member of Car OB1 association. Its published MK spectral types are the following: O9 Vp? (Morgan et al. 1955), O9 Vn: (Feast et al. 1957), O9 V:n (Walborn 1973), O8/9 V (Houk & Cowley 1975), O9 Vnp (Garrison et al. 1977), and O9.5 III (Mathys 1988). The star is fast-rotating, the projected radial velocity amounting $280\text{--}300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Penny 1996; Howarth et al. 1997; Penny et al. 2004). The star is known to have strong nitrogen lines for its spectral type (Garrison et al. 1977; Schild 1985; Howarth & Prinja 1989). The variability of radial velocity of HD 91651 was indicated by Levato et al.

(1988) and Lehner et al. (2003). Levato et al. (1988) suspected even that the star is a double-lined spectroscopic binary with an orbital period of 9.275 d. It is interesting to note that from the study of line profiles in this star, Penny (1996) already suggested the possibility of non-radial pulsations.

The other O-type star is HD 156172 with two published spectral types: O9.5/B0.5 Ia/lab (Houk 1978) and O9 Vnne (Garrison et al. 1977). The star is located in the region of the HI bubble surrounding O5 Vn(f) star HD 155913, and could belong to an unknown association (Cappa & Benaglia 1998).

Two other stars are classified as O9/B0 V and O9.5/B0 V by Houk & Cowley (1975), namely, HD 95568 and HD 117357. For HD 95568 this is the only MK spectral type available, for HD 117357 there are several other classifications indicating that it is rather a fast-rotating B0 star.

Although we cannot exclude that variability we detected in O-type stars is due to the pulsations of their, presently unknown, early B-type companions, this seems to be rather unlikely.

3.7. Components of detached eclipsing binaries

If a β Cephei star is a component of an eclipsing system, one has an opportunity of deriving its accurate mass and radius. Of the 112 previously known β Cephei stars, there were four components of eclipsing systems (see Pigulski 2006): 16 (EN) Lac (Jerzykiewicz et al. 1978; Pigulski & Jerzykiewicz 1988), V381 Car in NGC 3293 (Engelbrecht & Balona 1986; Jerzykiewicz & Sterken 1992; Freyhammer et al. 2005), η Ori (Kuntz & Stebbins 1916; Waelkens & Lampens 1988; De Mey et al. 1996), and λ Sco (Shobbrook 1972; Uytterhoeven et al. 2004; Bruntt & Buzasi 2006).

We add four stars to this list. Surprisingly, two are members of a loose open cluster Stock 14 (Moffat & Vogt 1975; FitzGerald & Miller 1983; Peterson & FitzGerald 1988): HD 101794 and HD 101838. The other two are HD 167003 and HD 168050. It is interesting to note that at least in two stars, HD 101794 and HD 168050 the secondary eclipses are deep enough to expect that spectroscopically they will be double-lined systems. If this were the case, the follow-up studies should allow deriving the masses and radii of the components.

3.7.1. HD 101794 = ALS 2460 = HIP 57106 = V916 Cen = Stock 14-13

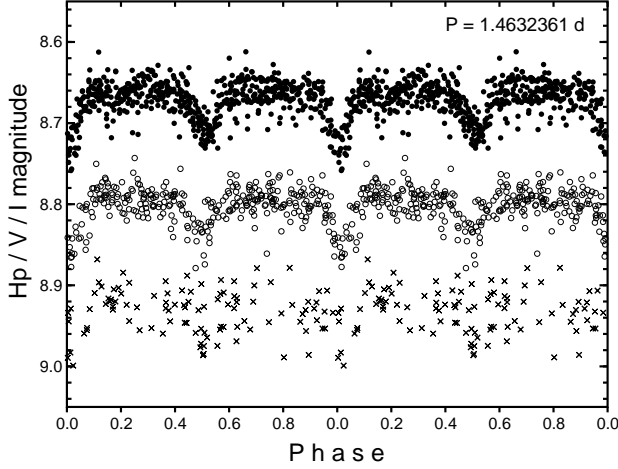
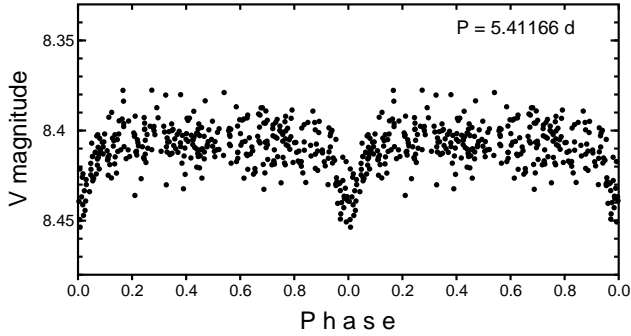
As mentioned in Sect. 3.4, photometric variability of HD 101794, a Be star and a member of Stock 14, was discovered by the Hipparcos satellite. Its eclipsing nature was revealed by Pojmański (2000) with the *I*-filter ASAS-2 data. The orbital period amounted to 1.4632 d. As already explained in Sect. 3.4, the star shows also low-amplitude periodic variations. The eclipsing light curve of HD 101794 is shown in Fig. 22. We see that after removing the contribution from the long-term and sinusoidal variations, the eclipses are clearly seen both in the 1997–1999 ASAS-2 data and the ASAS-3 data. Although barely, they can be even seen in the Hipparcos data. The ephemerides for eclipses of V916 Cen and the other three stars are given in Tab. 6.

3.7.2. HD 101838 = ALS 2463 = Stock 14-14

HD 101838 is also a member of the same cluster, Stock 14. Like in V916 Cen, presumably the primary component is a β Cephei-type star. The pulsation period revealed from the ASAS-3 photometry is quite long, amounting to 0.31973 d. The star is

Table 6. Data for the four new β Cephei stars in eclipsing systems.

HD	P_{orb} [d]	HJD of $T_{\text{min},0}$	Remarks
101794	1.4632361(21)	2450561.9213(15)	V916 Cen, Be star, member of Stock 14
101838	5.41166(7)	2452014.633(13)	member of Stock 14
167003	10.79824(11)	2452692.824(11)	V4386 Sgr
168050	5.02335(6)	2452096.224(10)	

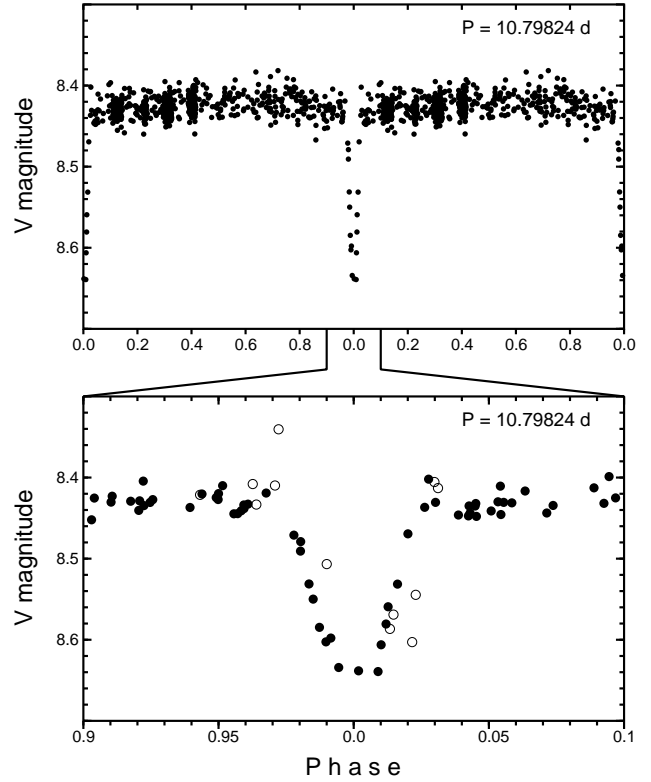
**Fig. 22.** The eclipsing light curve of V916 Cen folded with the orbital period of 1.4632361 d for ASAS-2 I -filter data (dots), ASAS-3 V -filter data (open circles) and Hipparcos H_p data (crosses). The long-term changes and the contribution from pulsation were removed.**Fig. 23.** The ASAS-3 V -filter light-curve of HD 101838, freed from the contribution of pulsation and folded with the orbital period of 5.41166 d.

classified as B1 III (Feast et al. 1961; Walker 1963), B0.5/1 III (Houk & Cowley 1975), B1 II-III (Garrison et al. 1977), or B0 III (FitzGerald & Miller 1983).

The eclipsing light-curve of HD 101838 is shown in Fig. 23. When folded with the period of 5.41166 d, it shows no sign of a secondary minimum. However, we cannot exclude the possibility that the true orbital period is twice as long, i.e., it is equal to about 10.82 d. If this were the case, the system would consist of two similar components.

3.7.3. HD 167003 = ALS 4801 = HIP 89404 = V4386 Sgr

The variability of HD 167003 was detected by the Hipparcos satellite. Since five observational points obtained within half a day deviated by about 0.2 mag from the remaining observations, it was concluded that the star is possibly an eclipsing bi-

**Fig. 24.** The ASAS-3 V -filter light curve of HD 167003 (V4386 Sgr) freed from the contribution of pulsations and folded with the orbital period of 10.79824 d. The upper figure shows the whole light curve, the lower, only phases close to the primary minimum. In addition, Hipparcos data (not corrected for the contribution from pulsations) are plotted in the lower figure as open circles.

nary. The star was classified as an unsolved variable and named V4386 Sgr. There were about a dozen or so deviating points in the ASAS-3 data, clearly indicating the presence of a narrow eclipse. Fortunately, the ASAS-3 data are better distributed in time than those from Hipparcos, allowing to unambiguously derive the orbital period. The period is equal to 10.79824 d. The light curve (Fig. 24) shows also a small reflection effect. The analysis of the out-of-eclipse data revealed the presence of at least four pulsational components with frequencies between 5.38 and 7.55 d^{-1} (Tab. 2), indicating clearly that the primary component is a β Cephei-type pulsator. This is in agreement with the published MK spectral types of this star: B0.5 III (Hill et al. 1974), B1 II (Garrison et al. 1977), and B1 Ib/II (Houk 1978).

As can be seen in Fig. 24, the eclipse covers only about 0.04 in phase, corresponding to about 10 hours, and is probably total. In the lower panel of Fig. 24, Hipparcos data obtained close to the primary minimum are also plotted. The five deviating points mentioned earlier fit the eclipse quite well. However, due to the small number of data points, the contribution from pulsations

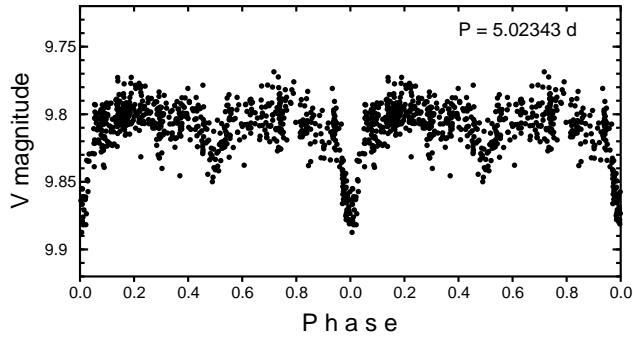


Fig. 25. The ASAS-3 V-filter light curve of HD 168050 freed from the contribution of two pulsating modes and folded with the orbital period of 5.02343 d.

could not be removed from the Hipparcos data. This may account for the deviations with respect to the ASAS-3 light curve (dots).

3.7.4. HD 168050

The fourth β Cephei star we discovered in an eclipsing system is HD 168050. From the analysis of the ASAS-3 data we found two periodic terms with frequencies 5.549 and 5.251 d⁻¹, certainly coming from pulsations. It is interesting to note that the first mode shows large period increase (see Sect. 3.5), a phenomenon which is rather rare among β Cephei stars. The eclipsing light-curve of this star is shown in Fig. 25. The orbital period is equal to 5.02335 d and the eclipses are rather shallow. The depth of the secondary minimum is about 1/3 of that of the primary one which indicates that the secondary component is relatively massive. This also means that the contribution of the secondary to the spectrum of the system is significant and may explain why the spectral type given by Houk & Smith-Moore (1988), B3/5 Ib, is slightly too late for a β Cephei-type star.

3.8. Distribution in Galactic coordinates

Since β Cephei stars are very young, we expect to find them rather close to the Galactic plane. As discussed by Pigulski (2005), the known stars of this type are indeed located at low Galactic latitudes, except for a few nearby stars and an interesting high-latitude star, HN Aqr (Waelkens & Rufener 1988; Lynn et al. 2002). A strip of stars belonging to the Gould Belt could be also identified. However, the observed distribution was biased due to observational selection effects. The homogeneity of the ASAS-3 data and the Michigan catalogues allows studying this distribution quantitatively. As can be seen in Fig. 26, the new members of the β Cephei family are distributed very unevenly in Galactic coordinates: they tend to form at least three large groups. The largest group, with a center approximately at $(l, b) = (300^\circ, 0^\circ)$ agrees with the direction in which we look along the Sagittarius-Carina spiral arm. We postpone a detailed discussion of this distribution until a future paper, in which the data for the remaining β Cephei stars will be given. We just indicate here that there are several stars with quite large Galactic latitudes which, taking into account their absolute magnitudes and low reddenings, are situated at large distances both from the Sun and from the Galactic plane. Their distances might be comparable to the distance of the Galactic center, while the distance from the Galactic plane might be as large as 1 kpc or even larger.

3.9. Stars in open clusters and associations

We have already indicated in Paper I that owing to the poor spatial resolution, the ASAS-3 data are not well suited for the detection of β Cephei stars in open clusters. However, if a cluster is sparse or the variable is far from the central area of the cluster, the ASAS-3 photometry can allow detection. In the sample of the 103 new β Cephei stars we can indicate six stars which are members or likely members of young open clusters, and other six which are members of OB associations. This is indicated in the last column of Tab. 1. The membership of new β Cephei stars in clusters and their distribution in the Galaxy will be discussed in the next paper of the series.

3.10. Hipparcos stars

The original work on Hipparcos data resulted in the discovery of six β Cephei stars (Waelkens et al. 1998; Aerts 2000). Later on, some follow-up work was done (Koen 2001; Koen & Eyer 2002) yielding about 60 candidates for short-period variables among O and early B-type stars of which at least some are expected to be β Cephei stars. Due to the unfavourable distribution of the Hipparcos data in time, this discovery needs, however, to be confirmed by independent observations. With the ASAS-3 data, we could verify the variability of 22 of these candidates; they are listed in Tab. 7. The remaining stars are either saturated in the ASAS-3 data or are located north of declination +28°, i.e., outside the area in the sky covered by the ASAS-3 observations.

Of these 22 stars, only seven can be classified as β Cephei stars. One, HD 191531, was already discovered by Handler (2005), see also Paper I. The remaining six are new β Cephei stars, but only four are listed in Tab. 1, while two, HDE 306387 = V909 Cen and HDE 339483, are not included because they do not appear in the Michigan catalogues. These two stars will be discussed in the next paper of the series.

For the remaining 15 stars from Tab. 7, the short-period variability was not confirmed by the ASAS-3 data, although for all but HD 42597 the detection threshold was smaller than the amplitude reported from the analysis of the Hipparcos data. It can be seen from Tab. 7 that frequencies for most of them range between 10 and 12 d⁻¹. As already explained by Jerzykiewicz & Pamyatnykh (2000) and Koen & Eyer (2002), these spurious frequencies are due to aliasing originating from the convolution of the low-frequency changes and the spectral window dominated by the rotation frequency of the satellite (11.25 d⁻¹).

For five of the seven β Cephei stars in Tab. 7, the agreement between frequencies derived from the Hipparcos and ASAS-3 data is very good. Only for HD 68962 and 86065 the differences are significant, amounting to about $\Delta f = f_{\text{ASAS}} - f_{\text{Hipp}} = -0.0749$ and $+0.0203$ d⁻¹, respectively. This can be explained in terms of aliasing in the periodograms of Hipparcos data.

4. Discussion and conclusions

According to theory (see, e.g., Pamyatnykh 1999), for the zero-age main-sequence models of massive stars, acoustic (p) and gravity (g) modes separate very well in frequency. This separation is not so good for evolved stars because in the course of the main-sequence evolution frequencies of g modes increase and eventually replace those of p modes through avoided crossing (Dziembowski & Pamyatnykh 1993). Such modes have a ‘mixed’ character: of a p mode in the envelope and of a g mode in the stellar interior. When only unstable modes are considered,

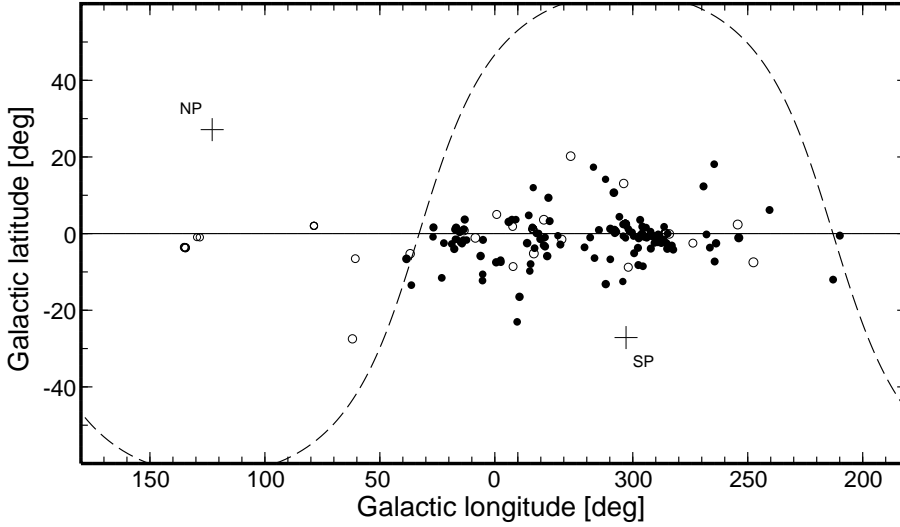


Fig. 26. Distribution of β Cephei stars in Galactic coordinates. Only stars with V magnitudes between 7 and 11 mag are shown. Open circles denote stars from Stankov & Handler (2005), filled circles, stars found in the ASAS-3 data. 'NP' and 'SP' indicate the northern and southern celestial pole, respectively. Dashed line is the celestial equator.

Table 7. The results of the verification of variability of 22 O and early B-type candidate short-period variables observed by Hipparcos and found by Koen (2001) and Koen & Eyer (2002). DT is the detection threshold in the ASAS-3 photometry.

HIP	HD(E)	ASAS name	V [mag]	f_{Hipp} [d^{-1}]	A_{Hipp} [mmag]	f_{ASAS} [d^{-1}]	A_{ASAS} [mmag]	S/N	DT [mmag]	Remarks
29429	42597	061159+0723.5	7.04	10.67562	6.7	—	—	—	8.0	
30393	44597	062329+2023.5	9.04	3.25095	9.9	—	—	—	7.3	
35355	56847	071810-1537.7	8.92	10.68006	26.4	—	—	—	10.3	MU CMa
36727	60308	073313-1527.2	8.20	11.20005	16.9	—	—	—	9.1	
38896	65658	075738-4635.6	7.23	11.76946	7.2	—	—	—	4.3	
40268	68962	081323-3618.7	7.34	4.83740	7.6	4.76251	7.4	6.9	4.3	new β Cephei star
46876	82830	093309-4645.9	9.23	7.35793	16.9	—	—	—	9.2	
48652	86085	095519-3845.8	8.93	7.85499	11.6	7.87529	9.2	9.4	3.9	new β Cephei star
50598	89767	102012-5236.1	7.21	11.08927	12.6	—	—	—	8.4	V342 Vel
55499	306387	112159-6101.8	9.58	4.80836	31.6	4.80836	34.5	26.5	5.2	new β Cephei star, V906 Cen
						4.99402	14.6	11.2		
62115	311884	124351-6305.2	10.82	11.41452	40.3	0.16028	52.9	19.8	10.7	CD Cru (E), W-R star
63489	112842	130031-6022.5	7.07	11.26044	8.4	—	—	—	7.1	
67060	119608	134431-1756.2	7.50	10.55676	13.8	—	—	—	7.9	
69847	124788	141742-6047.3	8.98	0.45821	52.8	0.22917	70.5	97.8	5.6	V999 Cen (E or Ell)
				9.13446	21.0	—	—	—		
70228	125545	142204-5817.4	7.42	11.50208	14.9	—	—	—	7.7	
76642	137179	153903-8314.0	8.75	10.08788	13.0	—	—	—	4.0	
80408	147421	162445-5327.8	9.02	5.35481	25.1	5.35473	27.1	19.0	2.8	new β Cephei star
81216	149100	163521-5338.9	7.20	5.16114	6.0	5.16118	8.1	7.7	3.8	new β Cephei star
83603	154043	170519-4704.1	7.08	11.17594	15.8	—	—	—	9.7	V863 Ara
91822	173003	184318-0138.7	7.68	7.98590	9.1	—	—	—	3.2	
98807	339483	200401+2616.3	8.94	3.72410	23.4	3.72413	22.5	14.0	6.4	new β Cephei star
99327	191531	200940+2104.7	8.35	6.08588	26.5	6.08589	26.0	12.2	8.6	β Cephei (Handler 2005)

however, the separation in frequency of p and g modes is, for a given model, preserved. Pulsations in p modes and mixed modes are attributed to β Cephei-type variability, whereas those in g modes, to the SPB type. As β Cephei stars populate mainly the later stages of main-sequence evolution, mixed modes are expected to be excited in these stars.

Theoretical calculations show also (Pamyatnykh 1999) that β Cephei and SPB instability strips partially overlap, which means that hybrid stars, showing pulsations of both types, might exist. This possibility was already indicated by Dziembowski et al. (1993) for a region around spectral type B2-B3 and masses equal to 7–8 M_{\odot} . Newer calculations (Pamyatnykh 1999) confirmed this and showed in addition that g-mode instability extends towards higher masses. The latter in-

stability is confined, however, to the very late main-sequence stages.

This picture of p and g mode instability domains was calculated neglecting the effects of rotation on pulsations. The theory that includes fast rotation is still not fully satisfactory, but it is already clear that rotation changes stability of modes. A good example of the theoretical calculations that include the effect of rotation on the stability of g modes was published by Townsend (2005), who showed that for fast-rotating stars the SPB instability strip widens towards higher masses. The region of possible hybrid behaviour becomes therefore much larger. In addition, the frequencies of modes, especially of non-axisymmetric modes, change considerably. In particular, frequencies of retrograde sectoral mixed modes are shifted to much lower frequencies than they would have in non-rotating stars, i.e., will occur

in the range where normally the g modes are observed. On the other hand, frequencies of prograde sectoral g modes shift to the region occupied normally by p modes. It must be also remembered that in the presence of fast rotation modes can no longer be classified in a simple scheme described by three quantum numbers because the geometry of such modes differs from spherical harmonics.

The effects related to fast rotation are important not only because some β Cephei stars are known to rotate fast. The region of β Cephei and SPB stars in the H-R diagram is populated by Be stars which, by definition, rotate very fast. These stars were known to show both short-period variability and line-profile variations. The short-period photometric variability called, after the prototype, the λ Eri-type (Balona 1990) was usually attributed to rotationally-induced effects because no clear evidence for multiperiodicity was found (see, e.g., Balona & James 2002). On the other hand, there were many convincing examples of line-profile variations in Be stars that were interpreted in terms of non-radial pulsations (Baade 1984; Yang et al. 1990; Štefl et al. 1995; Floquet et al. 2000), including multiperiodic behaviour (Rivinius et al. 1998). Despite this, it was not widely accepted that non-radial pulsations are present in Be stars mainly because there was no clear relation between periods seen in photometry and spectroscopy. An excellent review of variabilities observed in Be stars was recently given by Porter & Rivinius (2003).

A strong argument in favour of non-radial pulsations in Be stars, as seen in photometry, came from the observations carried out by the MOST satellite, in particular, those of an early Be star, HD 163868, in which Walker et al. (2005b) found over 60 periodicities in three distinct groups. A theoretical interpretation of this variability (Walker et al. 2005b; Dziembowski et al. 2007; Savonije 2007) includes pulsations in g modes. It is therefore reasonable to use the term ‘SPBe stars’ for Be stars with detected g-mode pulsations, as proposed by Walker et al. (2005b), although it has to be remembered that many previous investigators already indicated a common cause of periodic variability in SPB and Be stars.

The two grouping of modes seen in HD 163868 around 1.7 and 3.4 d⁻¹ might be a clue to understanding a grouping of modes in β Cephei and SPB candidates in the LMC and SMC, found by Kołaczowski et al. (2004, 2006). In many of these stars, the frequencies of modes grouped around two values whose ratio was close to 2. Whether fast rotation is responsible for this could be verified by future spectroscopic observations. For the SMC we know that many of these stars are fast-rotating because they show emission in Balmer lines.

Since inclusion of fast rotation enhances the possibility of getting unstable low-frequency modes among early and mid-B stars, we should see them observationally. It seems that we get more and more examples that confirm these predictions. First, low-frequency modes were detected in two classical β Cephei stars, ν Eri (Jerzykiewicz et al. 2005) and 12 Lac (Handler et al. 2006). In the ASAS-3 data (Sect. 3.4), we found five β Cephei stars in which low-frequency modes were detected. In addition, another β Cephei star with low-frequency modes, HD 133823, was found in Paper I (see also Fig. 19). On the other hand, periodic variations with very short periods were found in some mid and late B-type stars like V2104 Cyg (Uytterhoeven et al. 2007) and stars in NGC 3293 (Handler et al. 2007). A preliminary analysis of the data obtained for the other young open cluster, h Persei (NGC 869) also reveals the presence of mid-B stars, of which some are known as Be stars, showing relatively short

periods, even below 0.3 d (Majewska-Świerzbiniowicz et al., in preparation).

The complexity of mode behaviour in the presence of fast rotation may pose a problem as far as the classification of hot pulsators is concerned. This is because period(s) alone may not be sufficient to recognize β Cephei and SPB star. Mode identification becomes a necessity if we want to classify stars pulsating in p modes as β Cephei stars, while those pulsating in g modes, as SPB stars.

The other important results that come from the discovery of 103 β Cephei stars can be summarized as follows:

1. The number of known β Cephei stars has grown to over 200 and thus some statistical studies become possible. The sample of new stars is particularly well suited for this purpose because the stars were selected and observed in a homogeneous way.
2. From the new sample, a selection of excellent targets for asteroseismology can be done. These would include stars with large amplitudes (Sect. 3.2), large number of modes, equidistant multiplets (Sect. 3.3) and components of eclipsing binaries (Sect. 3.7).
3. We have found three O-type β Cephei stars (Sect. 3.6); this type of pulsation was also found in ζ Oph from the MOST data (Walker et al. 2005a). Thus, we may conclude that β Cephei-type instability extends towards O-type stars, but seems to be confined to very late subtypes (O8-O9). This still does not agree well with the theory because calculations do not predict an upper luminosity limit for p-mode instability (Pamyatnykh 1999). However, these calculations have not included the effect of stellar wind which may stabilize pulsations for hotter O-type stars.
4. The very recent stability calculations using new opacities (Miglio et al. 2007) indicate a much wider region in the H-R diagram where hybrid, β Cephei/SPB-type behaviour, should be observed. The inclusion of fast rotation seems to have a similar effect (Townsend 2005). Observationally, this fact is confirmed by the growing number of detections of hybrid stars, including five β Cephei stars with long periods we found (Sect. 3.4) as candidates. In order to verify their hybridity, mode identification is needed. A detailed study of these stars may allow to testing the physics used in calculations of the evolutionary models of massive stars but also in the theoretical predictions of their pulsational stability.

Finally, it is interesting to note that four stars from our sample, HD 48553, 171305, 173006, and 186610 are located within the ‘CoRoT eyes’ (Baglin et al. 2002) and, if selected for observations by this satellite, could be studied in unprecedented detail.

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Table 1. New β Cephei stars. N is the number of independent modes found in the ASAS-3 photometry, the remaining columns are self-explanatory. References to the MK spectral types in the eighth column are the following: (1) Houk & Cowley (1975); (2) Houk (1978); (3) Houk (1982); (4) Houk & Smith-Moore (1988); (5) Houk & Swift (1999); (6) Hill (1970).

HD	CPD/BD	ASAS name	N	V [mag]	$B - V$ [mag]	$U - B$ [mag]	MK sp. type	Notes
46994	-25°1525	063513-2550.4	1	7.86	-0.17	—	B2/3 V (4)	in CMa OB2
48553	+02°1369	064410+0223.5	1	9.03	—	—	B2 III (5)	in the CoRoT field
67600	-20°3392	080754-2109.0	1	9.18	—	—	B3/5 V (4)	
68962	-35°2054	081323-3618.7	1	7.34	+0.15	-0.65	B2/3 V (3)	in BH 23
69016	-27°2973	081401-2743.1	1	10.22	—	—	B3 IV (3)	
69824	-48°1585	081638-4826.2	1	9.10	—	—	B4/6 V (2)	
73568	-44°2824	083719-4512.5	2	8.35	+0.30	-0.57	B2/3 IV (2)	in Vela OB1
74339	-47°2545	084133-4801.5	6	9.30	+0.14	-0.67	B2/3 II/III (2)	in IC 2395
77769	-46°3350	090248-4657.9	1	9.38	—	—	B3 IV (2)	in Platais 9
86085	-38°3738	095519-3845.8	1	8.94	-0.09	-0.85	B1 Vn (6)	halo star
86214	-59°1528	095458-5949.8	6	9.21	-0.02	-0.79	B2 Ib (1)	
86248	-30°3001	095633-3126.5	1	9.63	-0.19	-0.89	B2 III (3)	high-velocity star, very distant
87592	-58°1860	100409-5922.9	5	8.96	—	—	B1 IV (1)	
88844	-60°1765	101302-6110.7	2	8.53	-0.16	-0.93	B0.5 III (1)	ALS 1453
90075	-59°2079	102206-6011.2	1	8.88	+0.07	-0.76	B1 II (1)	ALS 1517
90987	-57°3308	102849-5746.0	4	9.64	+0.13	-0.70	B1/2 III/IVp (1)	ALS 1601, in IC 2581 ?
91651	-59°2214	103330-6007.7	2	8.85	-0.01	-0.89	O8/9 V (1)	ALS 1647, in Car OB1
92291	-60°2077	103756-6116.5	5	9.07	-0.07	-0.86	B2 Ib/II (1)	ALS 1702
93113	-57°3449	104400-5741.1	1	8.71	+0.03	-0.76	B1/2 II/III (1)	ALS 1818
93341	-56°3759	104524-5659.4	1	9.64	+0.02	-0.74	B1/2 II/III (1)	ALS 1876
94065	-61°1905	105007-6148.3	5	8.95	-0.05	-0.83	B0/1 III-IV (1)	
94345	-59°2802	105210-5957.3	3	9.00	+0.06	-0.77	B0/1 IV (1)	
94900	-59°2859	105611-5955.8	1	9.25	+0.17	-0.66	B1/2 III (1)	ALS 2034
95568	-61°2021	110040-6236.9	2	9.56	+0.12	—	O9/B0 V (1)	ALS 2084
96882	-60°2553	110824-6117.1	1	9.03	-0.03	-0.86	B1 II/III (1)	
96901	-63°1845	110820-6436.1	2	8.87	+0.20	-0.62	B1 III/IV (1)	
97629	-60°2677	111308-6106.8	1	9.53	+0.11	-0.65	B3/5 Ib/II (1)	ALS 2250
98260	-60°2783	111719-6130.7	3	9.70	+0.26	-0.63	B1/2 Ib/II (1)	ALS 2292
99024	-59°3411	112303-6031.2	1	9.66	+0.03	-0.77	B2 Ib/II (1)	ALS 2327
99205	-69°1537	112356-7008.0	2	9.59	+0.01	-0.73	B1 III (1)	ALS 2336
100355	-61°2391	113216-6232.8	3	9.23	0.00	-0.67	B2/3 III (1)	
101794	-61°2541	114225-6228.6	2	8.68	+0.06	-0.74	B0/1 n (1)	ALS 2460, eclipsing, Be star, in Stock 14
101838	-61°2550	114249-6233.9	1	8.42	+0.02	-0.81	B0.5/1 III (1)	ALS 2463, eclipsing, in Stock 14
102505	-69°1588	114720-7025.0	2	9.02	+0.08	—	B1 IV (1)	ALS 2495
103007	-61°2696	115118-6159.8	3	9.29	-0.01	-0.82	B2/3 (III) (1)	ALS 2519
103320	-59°3910	115341-6016.0	1	8.82	-0.03	—	B2 III (1)	
103764	-61°2814	115652-6236.6	1	9.48	-0.06	-0.80	B2 II/III (1)	
104257	-65°1757	120012-6604.7	1	8.85	+0.05	-0.73	B1/2 II/III (1)	ALS 2562
104465	-62°2526	120137-6333.8	2	9.07	-0.05	-0.81	B2 II/III (1)	
104795	-58°4048	120400-5843.4	1	9.09	+0.11	—	B2 III (1)	
106345	-67°1921	121416-6744.4	1	9.08	—	—	B2 III (1)	
108628	-61°3220	122906-6228.0	2	9.16	—	—	B2 II (1)	
108769	-33°3261	123003-3429.9	1	9.03	—	—	B2 III (3)	
110498	-60°4253	124316-6138.9	1	9.67	+0.49	-0.49	B0.5 III (1)	ALS 2737, in Cen OB1
111377	-60°4309	124938-6057.9	1	9.52	+0.13	-0.68	B2/5 II-III (1)	ALS 2775
111578	-59°4488	125057-6026.8	1	9.13	+0.16	-0.57	B2/3 II (1)	ALS 2785
113013	-59°4653	130141-6026.4	2	9.40	+0.12	—	B2 III (1)	ALS 2871
114444	-74°1029	131304-7518.9	2	10.32	-0.02	-0.80	B1 II/III (1)	ALS 2963
114733	-57°5952	131330-5821.7	1	9.52	+0.27	-0.55	B2/3 III (1)	ALS 2980
115533	-61°3586	131901-6153.7	1	10.04	+0.08	-0.76	B2/5 (Ib/II) (1)	ALS 3026, Vis. double, sep. 6"
116538	-51°6048	132512-5150.5	1	7.90	-0.06	-0.89	B2 Ib/II (2)	
116827	-61°3706	132735-6207.1	2	9.51	+0.11	-0.57	B2/5 (Vn) (1)	Be star
117357	-61°3760	133116-6144.0	2	9.02	+0.23	-0.72	O9.5/B0 V (1)	ALS 3103, Be star
117687	-60°4759	133330-6126.8	1	9.33	+0.12	-0.71	B2 Ib/II (1)	ALS 3115
117704	-61°3793	133337-6219.1	1	8.89	+0.20	-0.59	B1/2 III (1)	ALS 3116, close to WR 55
119252	-47°6162	134309-4748.3	1	10.34	—	—	B3 III (2)	
119910	-60°4978	134754-6053.0	2	8.31	-0.07	—	B2 III/IV (1)	
122831	-67°2491	140701-6834.1	2	9.60	+0.05	—	B1 III (1)	ALS 3196
123077	-42°6537	140637-4327.8	4	10.30	-0.23	—	B2/3 II (2)	
126357	-59°5569	142709-5944.2	3	9.07	+0.22	-0.64	B1 III (1)	ALS 3238, in NGC 5606

Table 1. continued.

131805	-73°1416	150055-7347.7	1	8.47	—	—	B5 V (1)	long-term variability superimposed
132320	-59°5775	150106-5953.7	1	9.40	+0.31	-0.53	B1 III (1)	
137405	-60°5814	152854-6048.1	1	9.36	+0.13	-0.64	B0.5/1 Iab (1)	ALS 3356
142754	-40°7155	155749-4059.8	1	8.60	+0.17	-0.60	B2 III (2)	
145537	-34°6468	161255-3439.3	2	10.41	+0.10	-0.78	B2 Ib/II (3)	
146442	-45°7845	161823-4550.4	3	9.04	+0.30	-0.51	B2 III (2)	
147421	-53°7928	162445-5327.8	1	9.02	+0.09	-0.81	B0 II (1)	ALS 3596
149100	-53°8064	163521-5338.9	1	7.19	-0.06	-0.76	B2 III (1)	
150927	-37°6738	164544-3810.1	2	9.44	+0.32	-0.52	B2/3 Ib (3)	
151158	-42°7512	164734-4252.7	1	8.20	+0.22	-0.49	B2 Ib/II (2)	ALS 3754
152060	-41°7683	165300-4124.5	2	9.58	+0.06	-0.73	B1 III (2)	
152162	-45°8186	165354-4600.9	2	8.59	+0.18	—	B2 III (2)	
152372	-48°8913	165517-4848.3	3	8.85	+0.20	-0.60	B2 III/IV (2)	
153772	-50°9813	170400-5105.0	1	8.32	+0.06	-0.61	B2 V (2)	in R assoc. vdBH81a
154500	-34°6724	170721-3428.7	2	9.94	+0.22	-0.56	B2 Iab/b (3)	
155407	-45°8378	171332-4527.2	1	9.52	—	—	B2 II (2)	
156172	-41°7933	171800-4203.6	1	8.18	+0.40	-0.58	O9.5/B0.5 Ia/Iab (2)	ALS 4037
156321	-32°4462	171820-3219.6	1	8.15	+0.01	-0.77	B2 V (3)	
159792	-46°8786	173850-4618.9	3	9.43	+0.15	-0.63	B2 II (2)	
161633	-46°8909	174900-4656.4	4	9.94	+0.12	-0.95	B1 Iab/b (2)	
164188	-15°4767	180039-1548.1	1	8.67	+0.19	-0.71	B1 Ib/II (4)	ALS 4546
164741	-25°6269	180344-2518.7	5	9.03	+0.31	-0.55	B2 Ib/II (4)	ALS 4590
165955	-34°7625	180958-3452.1	2	9.20	-0.05	-0.82	B2 II/III (3)	ALS 4702, high-velocity star
166304	-16°4739	181043-1642.8	3	9.33	+0.19	-0.63	B2 II (4)	
167003	-33°4963	181442-3308.5	4	8.45	-0.13	-0.94	B1 Ib/II (3)	ALS 4801, V4386 Sgr, eclipsing
167451	-13°4897	181555-1334.5	1	8.24	+0.78	-0.29	B1 Ib (4)	ALS 4844, in Ser OB1
168015	-13°4919	181822-1323.2	2	9.11	+0.36	—	B3/5 II (4)	ALS 9488
168050	-19°6762	181839-1906.2	2	9.81	—	—	B3/5 Ib (4)	eclipsing
168675	-17°5154	182143-1753.8	2	8.94	+0.28	—	B2 Ib/II (4)	ALS 4964
168750	-26°6414	182221-2625.0	3	8.27	+0.08	-0.74	B1 Ib (3)	ALS 4969
169173	-17°5179	182408-1751.8	1	9.93	—	—	B3 Ib (4)	
169601	-17°5192	182607-1747.3	3	9.88	—	—	B0/1 Iab/b (4)	
171141	-46°9389	183516-4556.4	1	8.37	-0.22	-0.97	B2 II/III (2)	halo star
171305	-04°4497	183416-0448.8	1	8.70	+0.45	—	B2 II (5)	ALS 9749, in the CoRoT field
171344	-13°5039	183457-1352.2	1	9.52	+0.29	—	B2 Ia (4)	ALS 9758
172140	-29°5634	183948-2920.4	5	9.95	-0.05	-0.89	B1 II (3)	
172427	-10°4749	184032-1043.1	1	9.46	+0.48	-0.44	B0.5/1 Ib (5)	ALS 9832, in Sct OB2
173006	-05°4737	184326-0546.8	1	10.03	+0.27	-0.55	B0.5 IV (5)	ALS 9902, in the CoRoT field
173502	-30°5678	184656-2957.6	4	9.73	-0.10	-0.91	B1/2 Ib (3)	halo star
178987	-47°9208	191259-4709.7	1	9.83	—	—	B2 II (2)	
180032	-14°5352	191531-1355.1	2	9.49	-0.07	—	B2 III/IV (4)	ALS 10219
186610	-03°4698	194527-0309.1	4	9.67	-0.01	-0.77	B2 Ib/II (5)	ALS 10480, in the CoRoT field
187536	-28°7032	195125-2813.5	1	9.46	-0.08	-0.86	B3 II (3)	

Online Material

Table 2. Parameters of the sine-curve fits to the V magnitudes of new β Cephei-type stars listed in Tab. 1. N_{obs} is the number of observations, the initial epoch T_0 is equal to 2450000.0. The other parameters are the following: T_{max}^i , time of maximum light for the i th mode, σ_{res} , standard deviation of the residuals, DT, detection threshold.

Star name	Freq.	N_{obs}	f_i [d ⁻¹]	A_i [mmag]	$T_{\text{max}}^i - T_0$ [d]	σ_{res} [mmag]	DT [mmag]
HD 46994	f_1	322	3.90041(4)	7.8(10)	2942.1701(54)	12.8	5.1
HD 48553	f_1	215	5.59806(4)	9.1(10)	3143.6502(31)	10.2	4.9
HD 67600	f_1	375	3.78661(2)	8.8(08)	2901.9390(35)	10.2	3.8
HD 68962	f_1	191	4.76251(6)	7.4(09)	3069.0758(38)	8.4	4.3
HD 69016	f_1	616	5.01186(4)	6.4(09)	2816.8526(46)	15.3	4.4
HD 69824	f_1	351	6.06354(4)	5.2(07)	2826.1460(37)	9.5	3.6
HD 73568	f_1	576	4.54531(3)	4.8(06)	2865.8111(42)	9.7	2.9
	f_2		6.58022(5)	3.4(06)	2865.6858(41)		
HD 74339	f_1	432	5.220103(10)	27.7(09)	2900.6750(10)	13.1	4.5
	f_2		5.195216(13)	20.7(09)	2900.7085(14)		
	f_3		5.22221(2)	13.7(09)	2900.6380(21)		
	f_4		5.23894(3)	11.5(09)	2900.6309(25)		
	f_5		5.20531(3)	10.6(09)	2900.6775(26)		
	f_6		5.25563(3)	10.3(09)	2900.6234(27)		
HD 77769	f_1	373	5.46831(4)	5.5(08)	2849.0965(46)	11.5	4.2
HD 86085	f_1	379	7.87529(2)	9.2(08)	2840.1421(17)	10.5	3.9
HD 86214	f_1	512	4.442908(13)	14.3(08)	2958.9401(20)	11.5	3.6
	f_2		4.40462(2)	10.9(07)	2959.0537(24)		
	f_3		4.40967(3)	8.3(07)	2958.9773(32)		
	f_4		4.41462(3)	9.0(07)	2958.9914(29)		
	f_5		4.39994(4)	6.3(08)	2958.8671(42)		
	f_6		4.44618(4)	5.7(08)	2959.0029(48)		
HD 86248	f_1	395	8.25590(5)	5.5(08)	2835.6249(29)	11.4	4.2
HD 87592	f_1	790	5.15127(2)	6.9(06)	2828.1611(26)	11.3	2.8
	f_2		5.09753(3)	6.8(06)	2828.1263(26)		
	f_3		5.43571(3)	6.3(06)	2828.1232(27)		
	f_4		5.30697(4)	4.1(06)	2828.1605(43)		
	f_5		5.33044(6)	2.9(06)	2828.1757(60)		
HD 88844	f_1	373	5.37589(3)	7.5(07)	2881.4701(27)	9.6	3.5
	f_2		6.03797(3)	5.9(07)	2881.4999(31)		
HD 90075	f_1	371	4.09526(3)	10.3(09)	2902.7893(34)	12.2	4.5
HD 90987	f_1	368	4.702781(07)	39.6(10)	2873.8688(08)	13.2	4.9
	f_2		4.56652(2)	16.1(10)	2874.0208(21)		
	f_3		4.59644(3)	8.7(10)	2873.8866(39)		
	f_4		4.36623(4)	6.7(10)	2873.9638(54)		
HD 91651	f_1	525	7.38876(3)	5.6(06)	2876.1314(23)	9.7	3.0
	f_2		7.10851(5)	3.5(06)	2876.1737(38)		
HD 92291	f_1	385	5.528817(10)	23.3(09)	2884.2608(11)	11.8	4.2
	f_2		5.454284(13)	17.5(09)	2884.2939(15)		
	f_3		5.90508(3)	8.9(09)	2884.3169(26)		
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	f_2		5.02213(3)	11.1(08)	2861.4386(24)		
	f_3		5.01919(2)	13.5(08)	2861.5756(19)		
	f_4		5.48660(3)	9.3(08)	2861.4498(24)		
	f_5		5.02074(3)	8.5(08)	2861.4767(30)		
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	f_2		5.17063(4)	5.4(07)	2994.3449(39)		
	f_3		5.57486(5)	3.8(07)	2994.2818(53)		
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HD 95568	f_1	365	6.152355(15)	16.9(10)	2857.4896(15)	12.7	4.7
	f_2		6.13549(3)	10.4(10)	2857.4369(24)		
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HD 96901	f_1	340	4.163209(11)	19.2(08)	2900.2036(16)	10.1	3.9
	f_2		4.128028(17)	11.4(08)	2900.2624(27)		
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	f_2		4.44349(3)	9.8(09)	2896.1907(34)		
	f_3		4.48065(3)	10.3(09)	2896.0648(31)		
HD 99024	f_1	406	7.03125(4)	7.0(08)	2992.2193(28)	12.0	4.2
HD 99205	f_1	645	3.822544(10)	18.1(07)	2882.5932(16)	12.3	3.5

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	f_3		6.93375(4)	4.2(06)	2865.6535(32)		
HD 101794	f_1	311	4.45140(3)	14.6(13)	2737.1557(31)	15.4	6.2
	f_2		1.83951(4)	11.2(13)	2736.998(10)		
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	f_2		4.52947(4)	5.8(08)	2865.4186(47)		
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	f_2		5.75454(3)	10.5(09)	2849.9456(23)		
	f_3		5.67467(3)	9.9(09)	2849.9219(25)		
HD 103320	f_1	351	4.71222(2)	8.0(08)	2894.0787(32)	9.8	3.7
HD 103764	f_1	330	5.582626(18)	12.2(09)	2859.0861(20)	10.9	4.3
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	f_2		5.395199(19)	14.2(10)	2862.7541(20)		
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HD 106345	f_1	440	6.612477(12)	15.0(07)	2843.0066(11)	10.2	3.4
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	f_2		6.26890(4)	6.4(08)	2986.8920(34)		
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HD 115533	f_1	330	14.57715(3)	11.8(11)	2869.9716(10)	14.0	5.5
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	f_2		12.19261(3)	8.8(08)	2884.4692(12)		
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	f_2		6.02169(2)	8.6(06)	2867.7874(19)		
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	f_2		8.33283(4)	5.7(07)	2840.2841(23)		

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HD 153772	f_1	351	3.275788(10)	23.9(08)	2874.3683(16)	10.8	4.1
HD 154500	f_1	911	6.98730(3)	8.6(06)	2991.7359(17)	13.1	3.6
	f_2		7.05945(3)	7.9(06)	2991.8199(18)		
HD 155407	f_1	319	5.552652(09)	28.9(09)	2865.0140(09)	11.2	4.4
HD 156172	f_1	294	6.97258(3)	10.8(10)	2909.6293(21)	12.4	5.1
HD 156321	f_1	631	8.72485(5)	4.0(05)	3098.6986(22)	8.3	2.5
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	f_2		7.24311(3)	8.4(09)	2801.3910(24)		
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	f_3		5.90006(3)	10.6(10)	2828.6718(26)		
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	f_2		7.54580(4)	6.8(06)	3395.5124(18)		
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HD 168050	f_1	698	5.5486... [var]	27.7(10)	see Tab. 5	12.2	3.7
	f_2		5.251039(15)	20.7(10)	2921.1561(15)		
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	f_2		4.18134(4)	5.1(06)	2867.6660(42)		
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	f_2		4.025154(19)	9.5(06)	2849.1496(26)		
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	f_3		5.08657(3)	8.2(07)	2844.2888(28)		
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HD 171305	f_1	288	5.15860(2)	10.0(08)	2937.3750(24)	9.3	3.9
HD 171344	f_1	316	5.41534(5)	7.5(10)	2828.6084(37)	11.8	4.7
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HD 173006	f_1	269	5.878262(06)	87.8(18)	2892.8486(05)	20.7	9.0
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HD 178987	f_1	339	7.14660(3)	10.5(11)	2854.0577(23)	14.4	5.7
HD 180032	f_1	287	6.86806(3)	8.6(08)	2820.2828(21)	9.3	3.9
	f_2		7.18637(4)	5.9(08)	2820.4152(29)		
HD 186610	f_1	726	5.499983(17)	15.6(06)	3023.3878(11)	10.8	2.9
	f_2		5.76342(3)	13.0(06)	3023.3979(12)		
	f_3		5.46127(3)	11.4(06)	3023.4022(15)		
	f_4		5.53861(5)	5.3(06)	3023.5457(31)		
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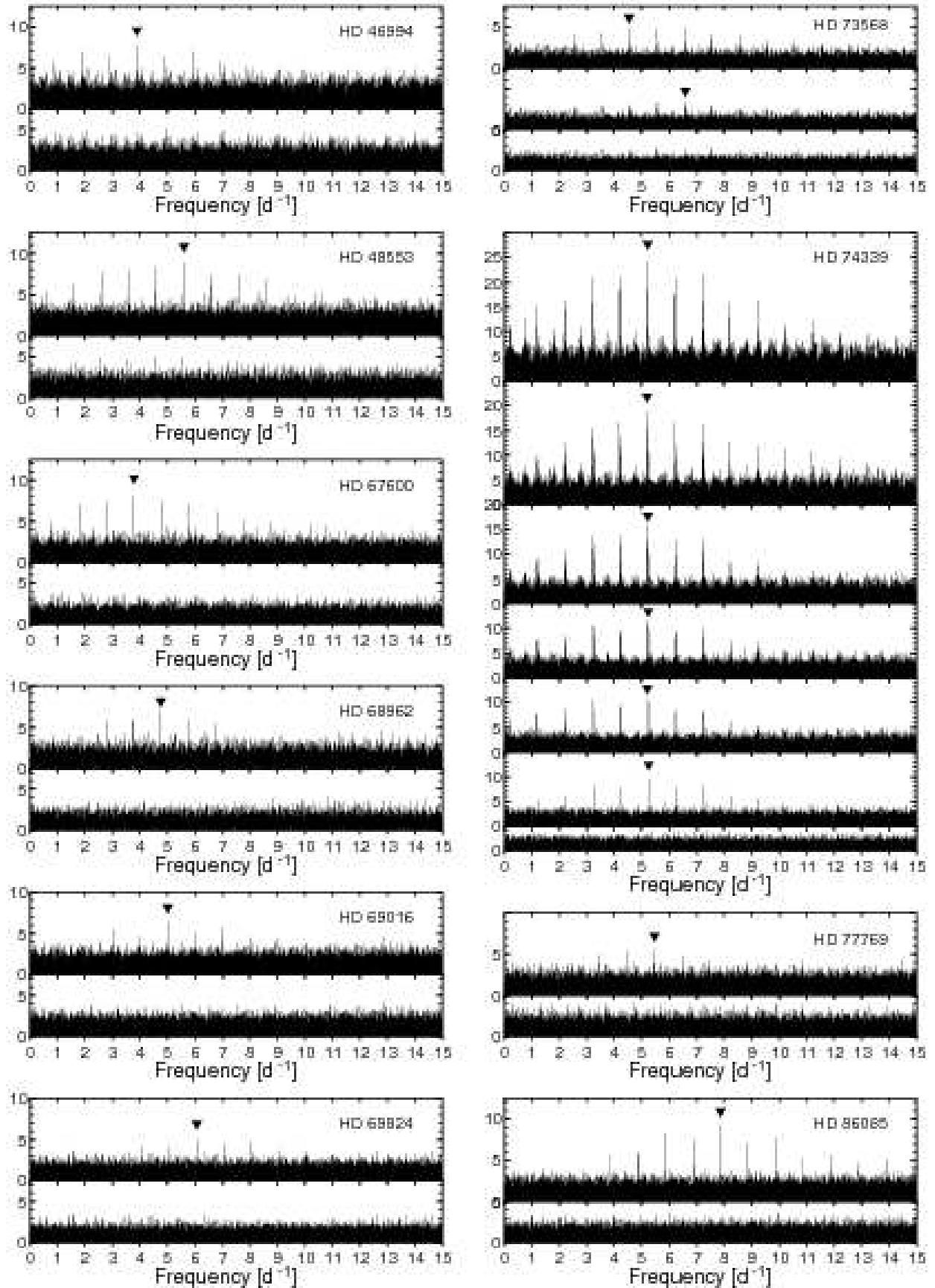


Fig. 2. Fourier periodograms of the ASAS-3 data of ten β Cephei-type stars discussed in the paper: HD 46994, 48553, 67600, 68962, 69016, 69824, 73568, 74339, 77769, and 86085. Lower panels show consecutive steps of prewhitening. Frequencies of the detected modes are indicated by inverted triangles. Ordinate is the amplitude expressed in mmag.

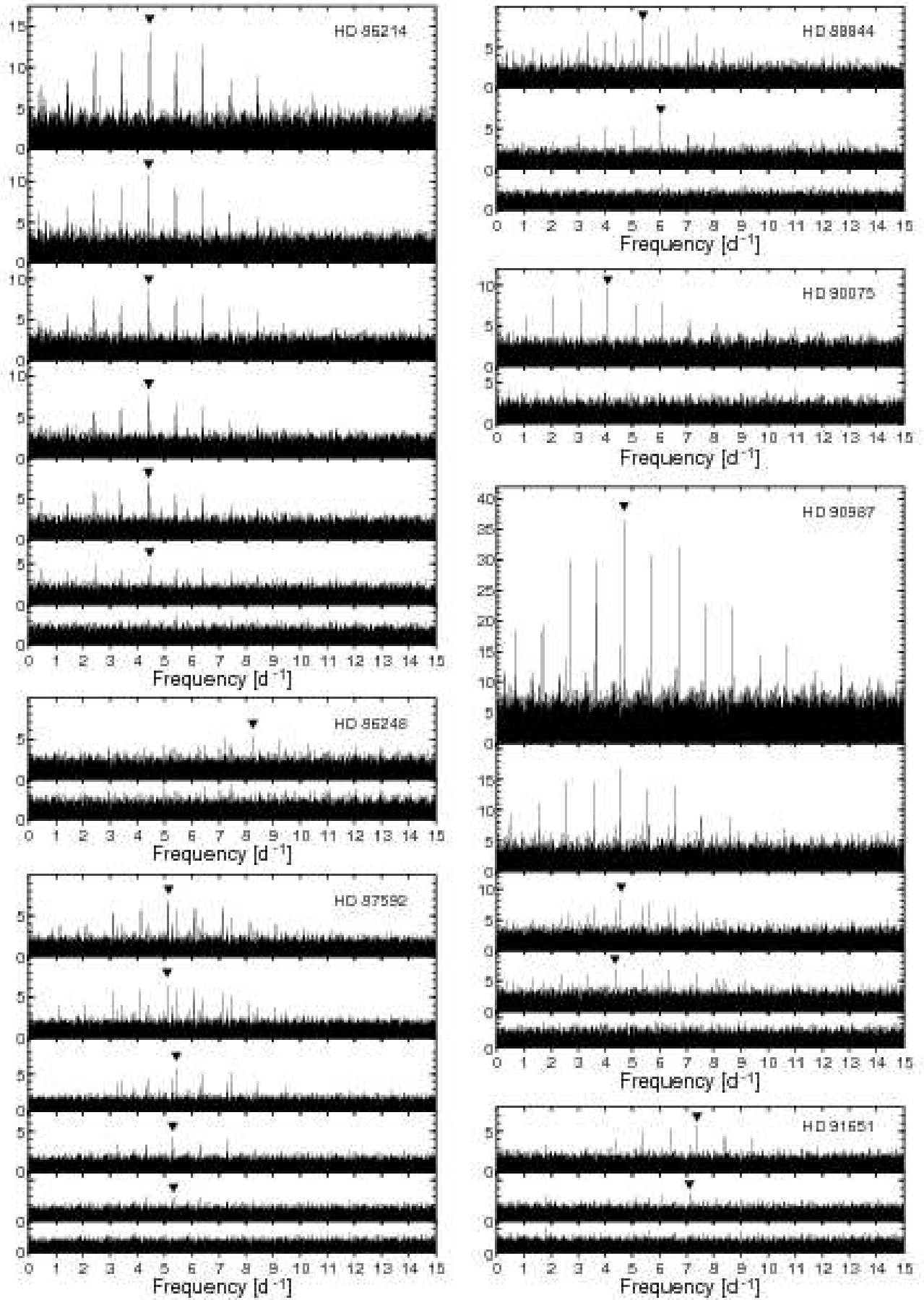


Fig. 3. The same as in Fig. 2, but for HD 86214, 86248, 87592, 88844, 90075, 90987, and 91651.

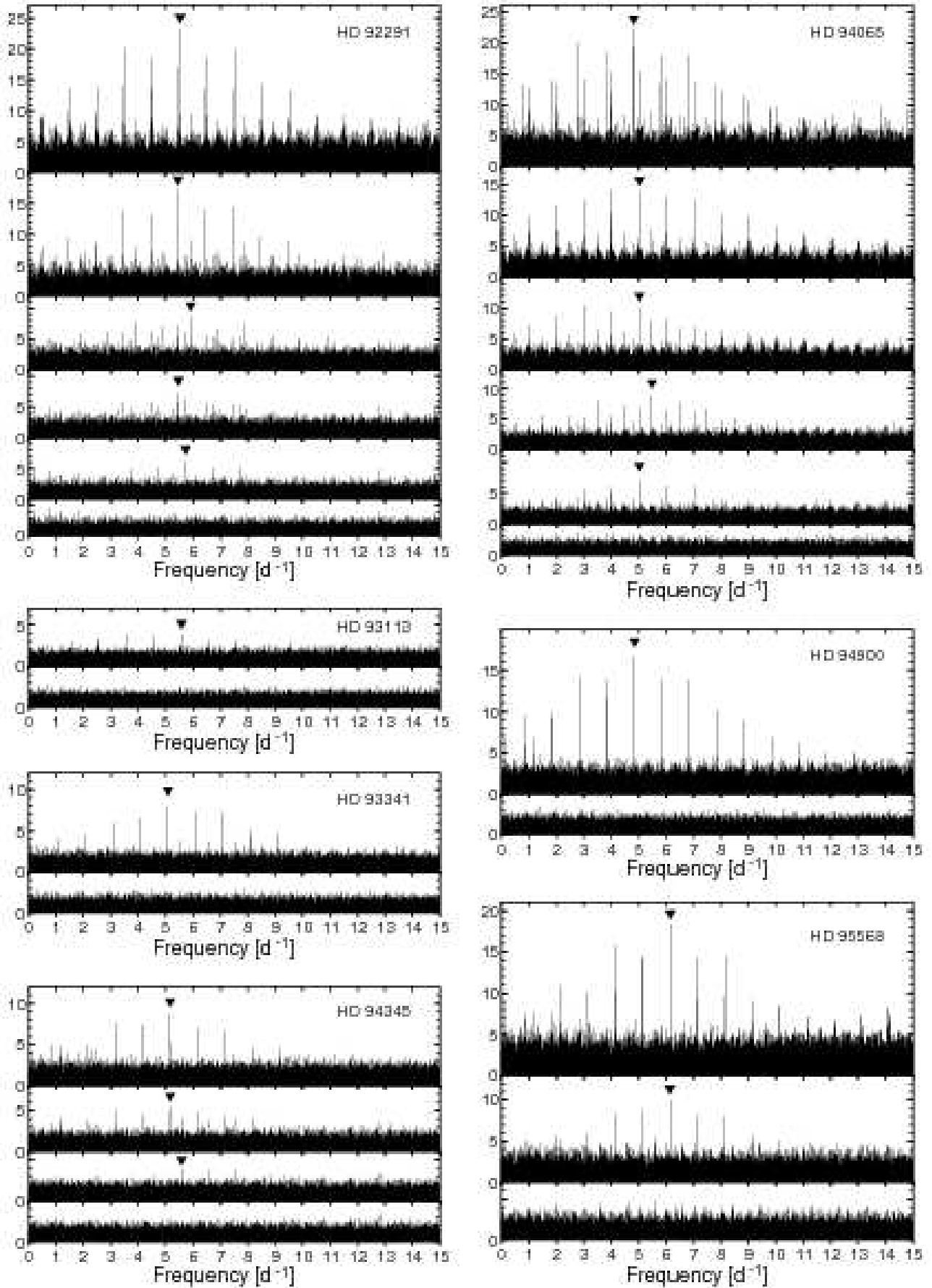


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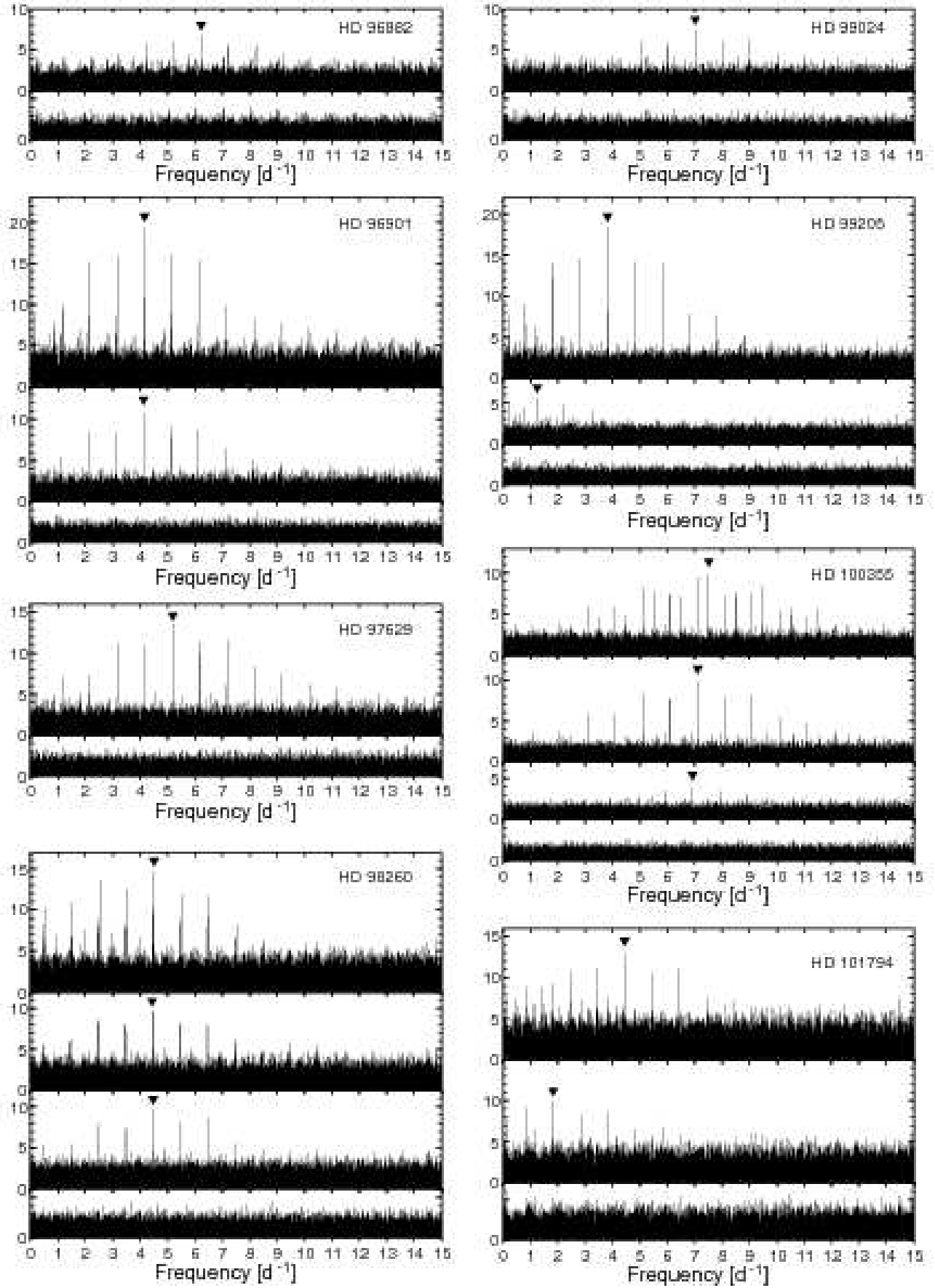


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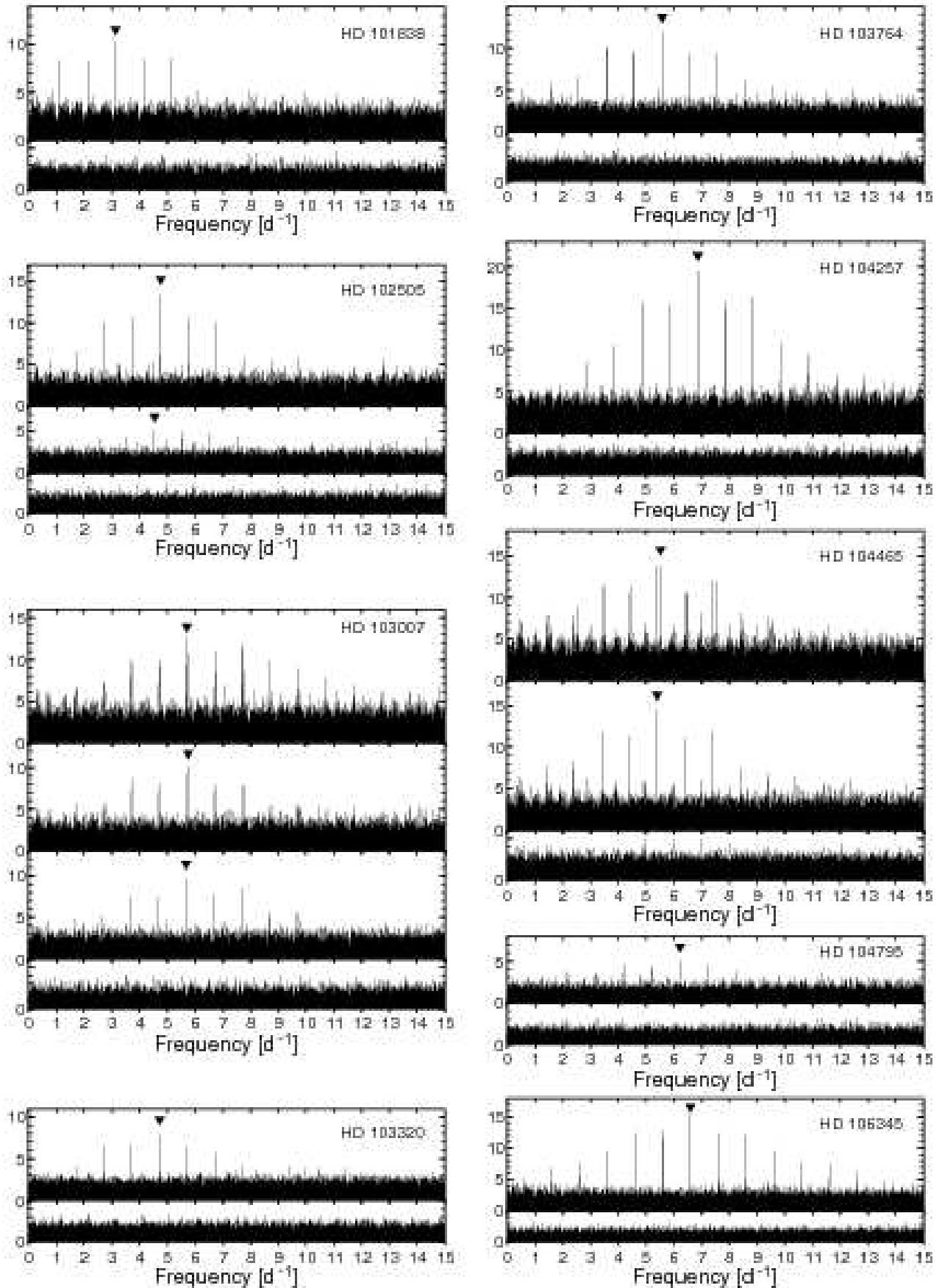


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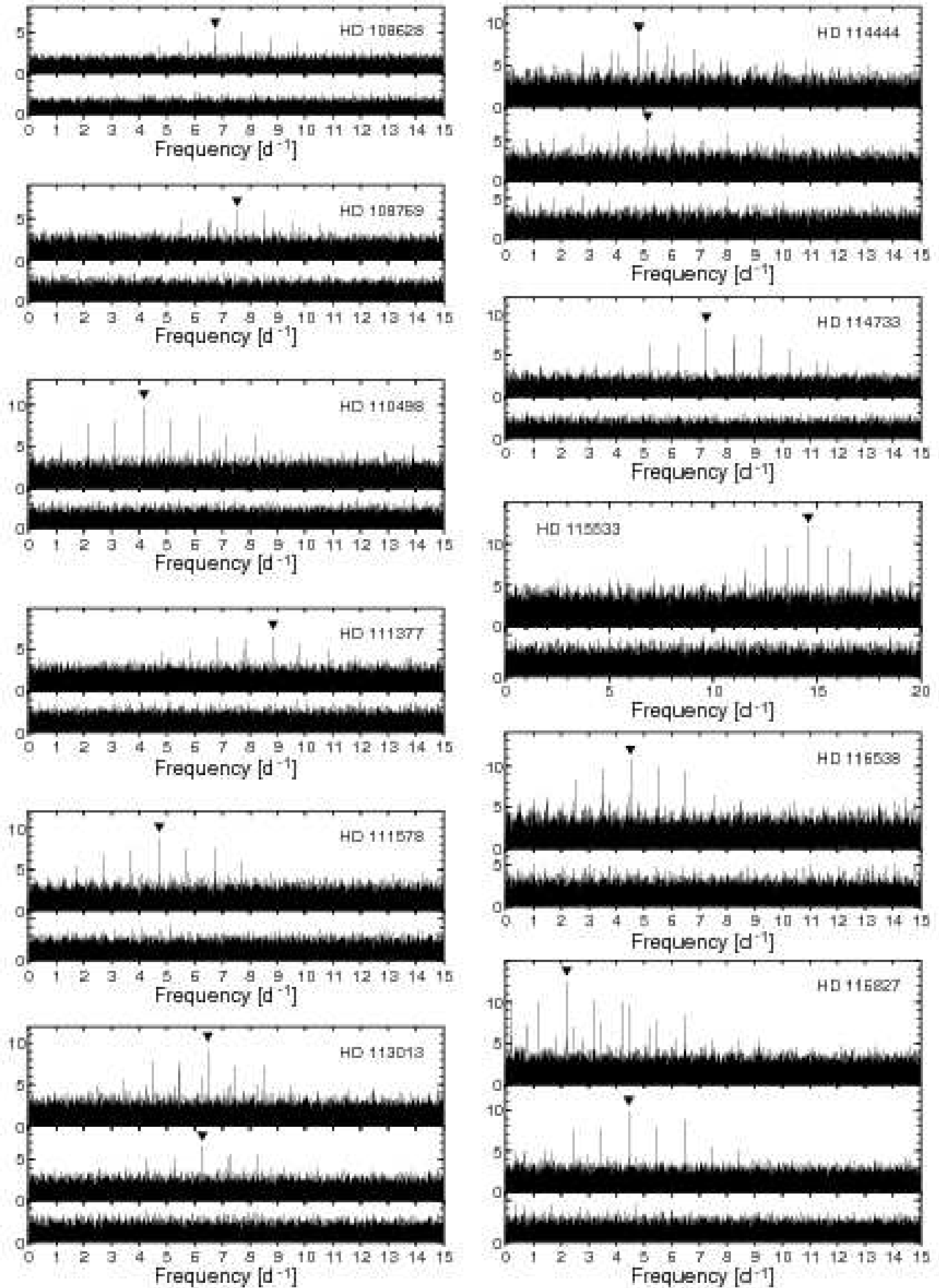


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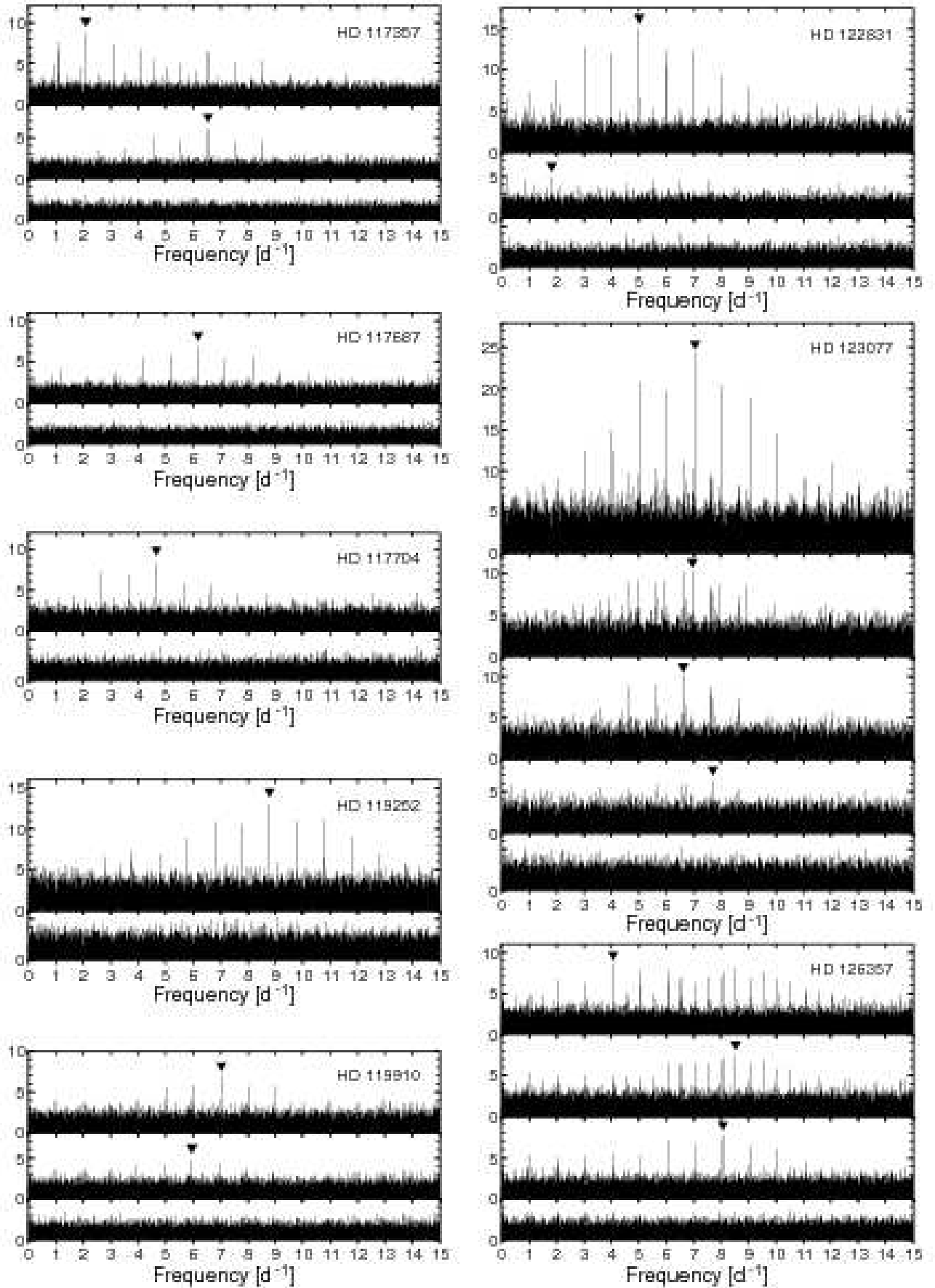


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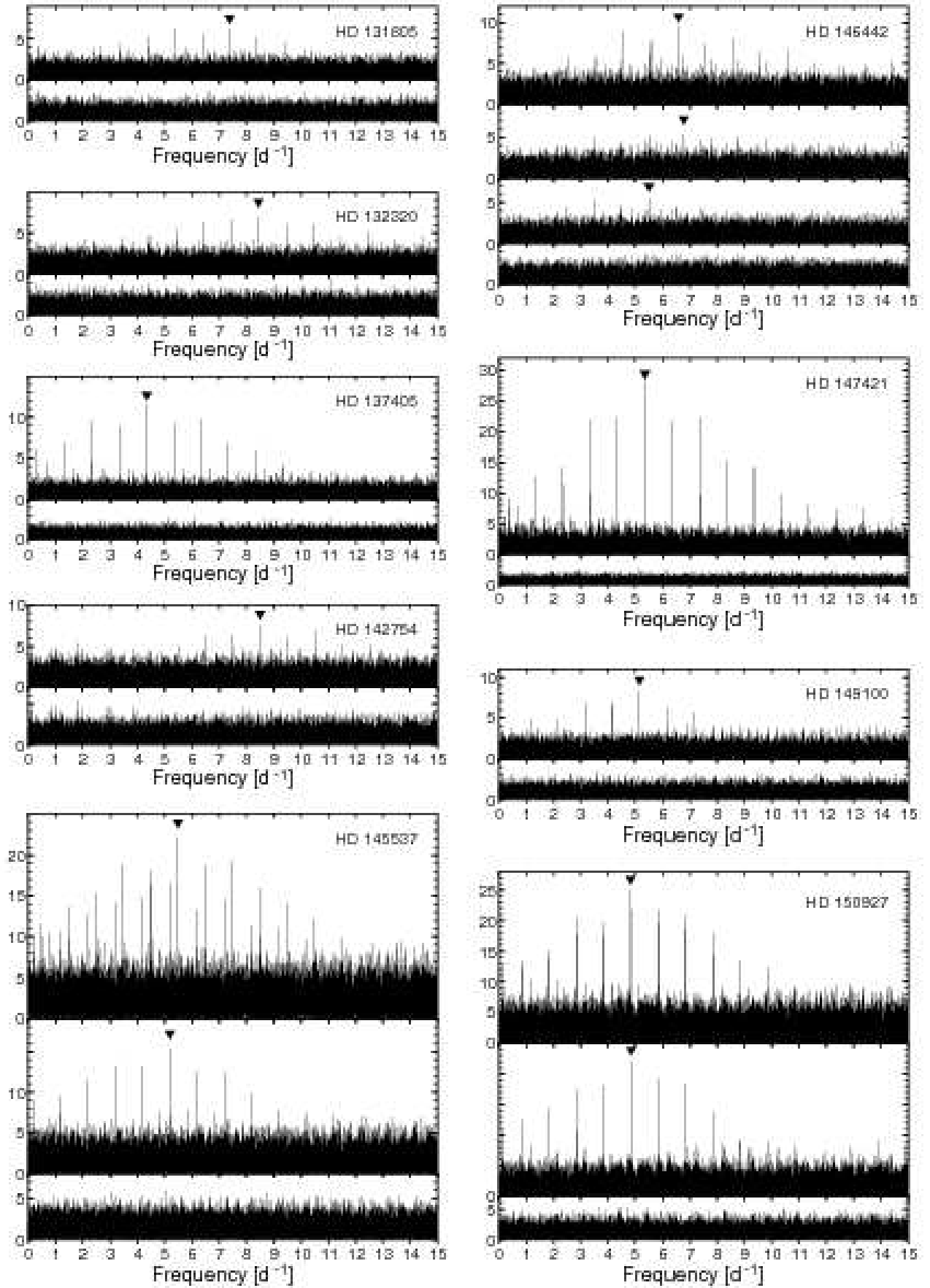


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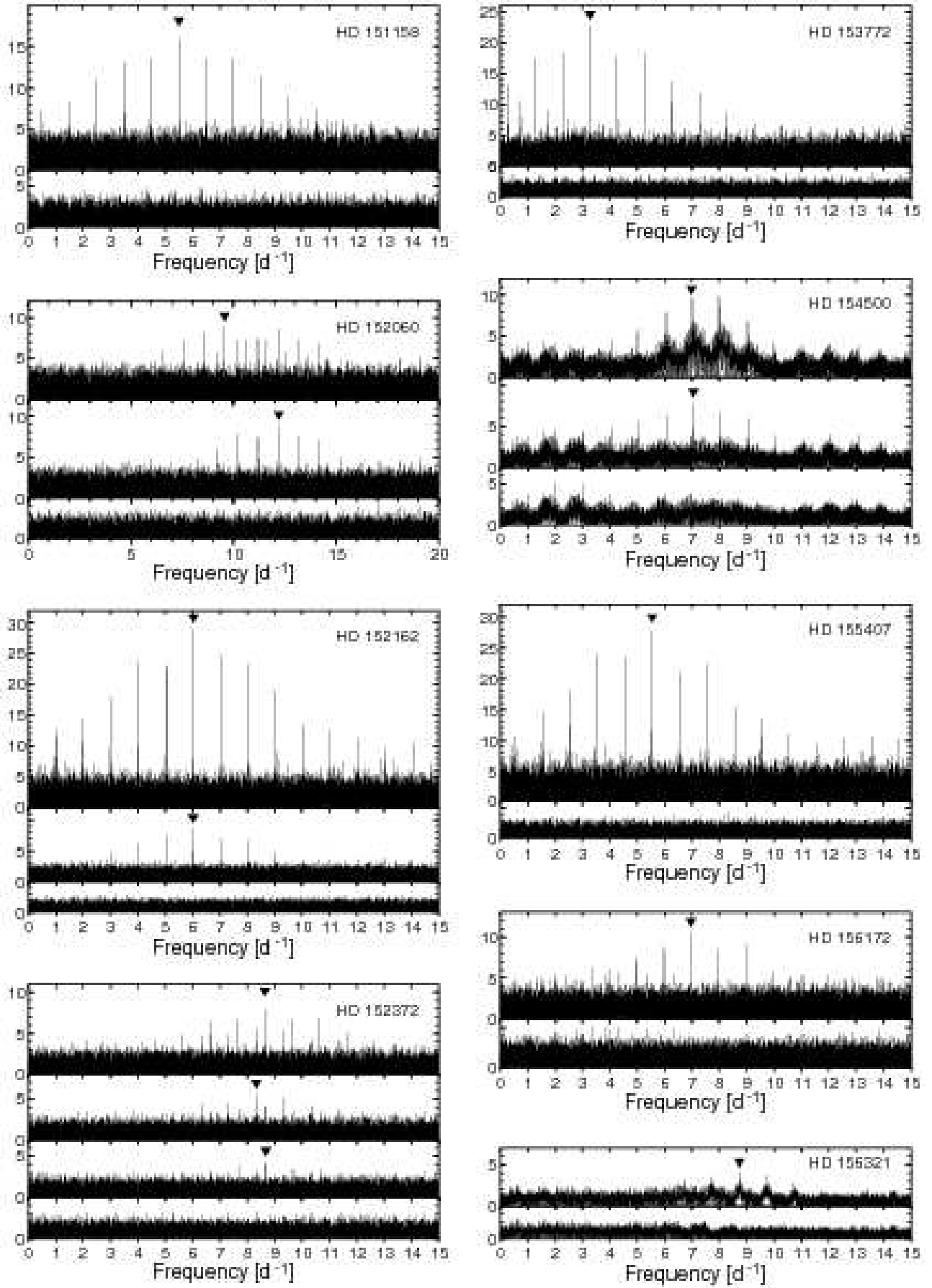


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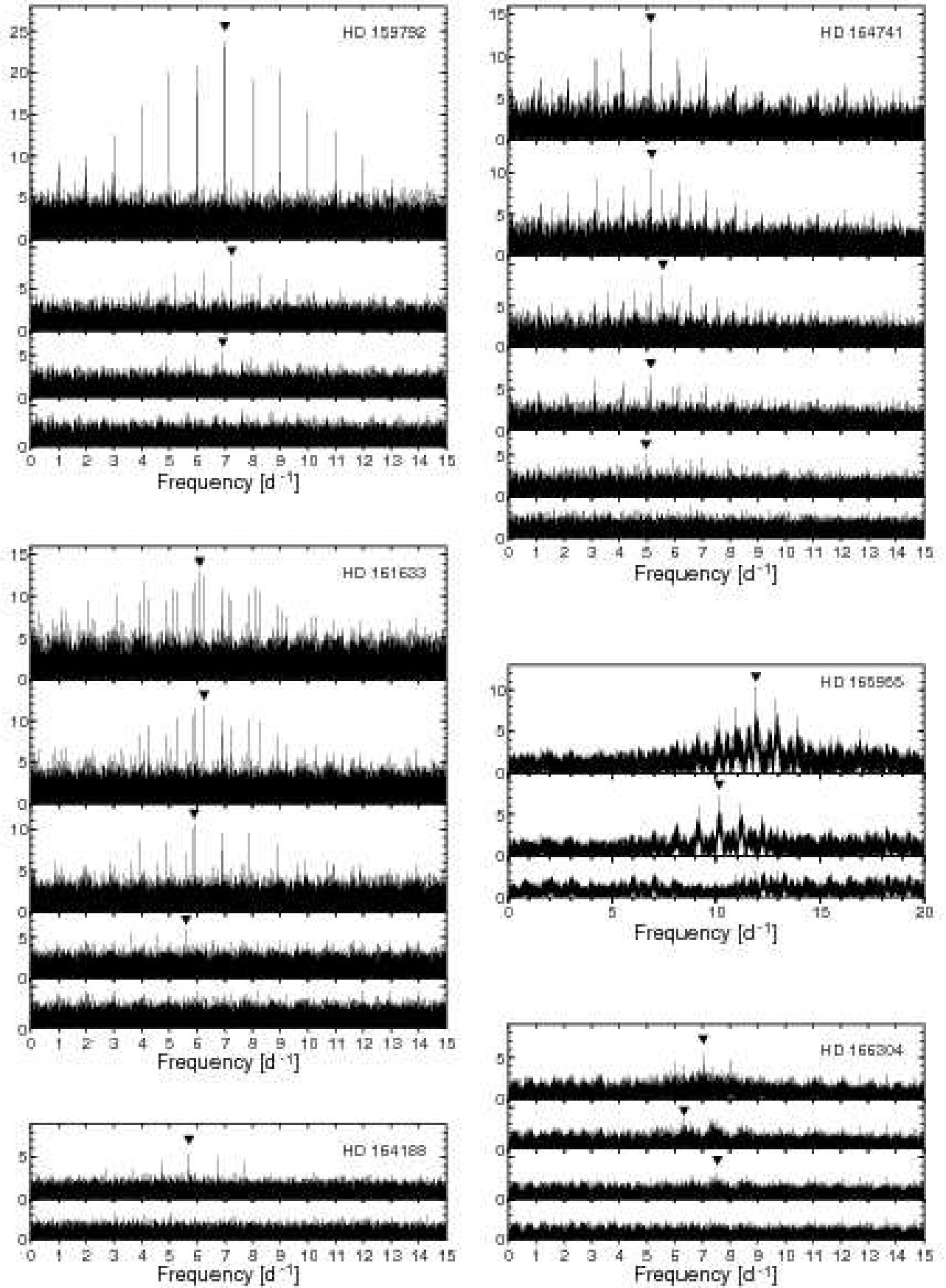


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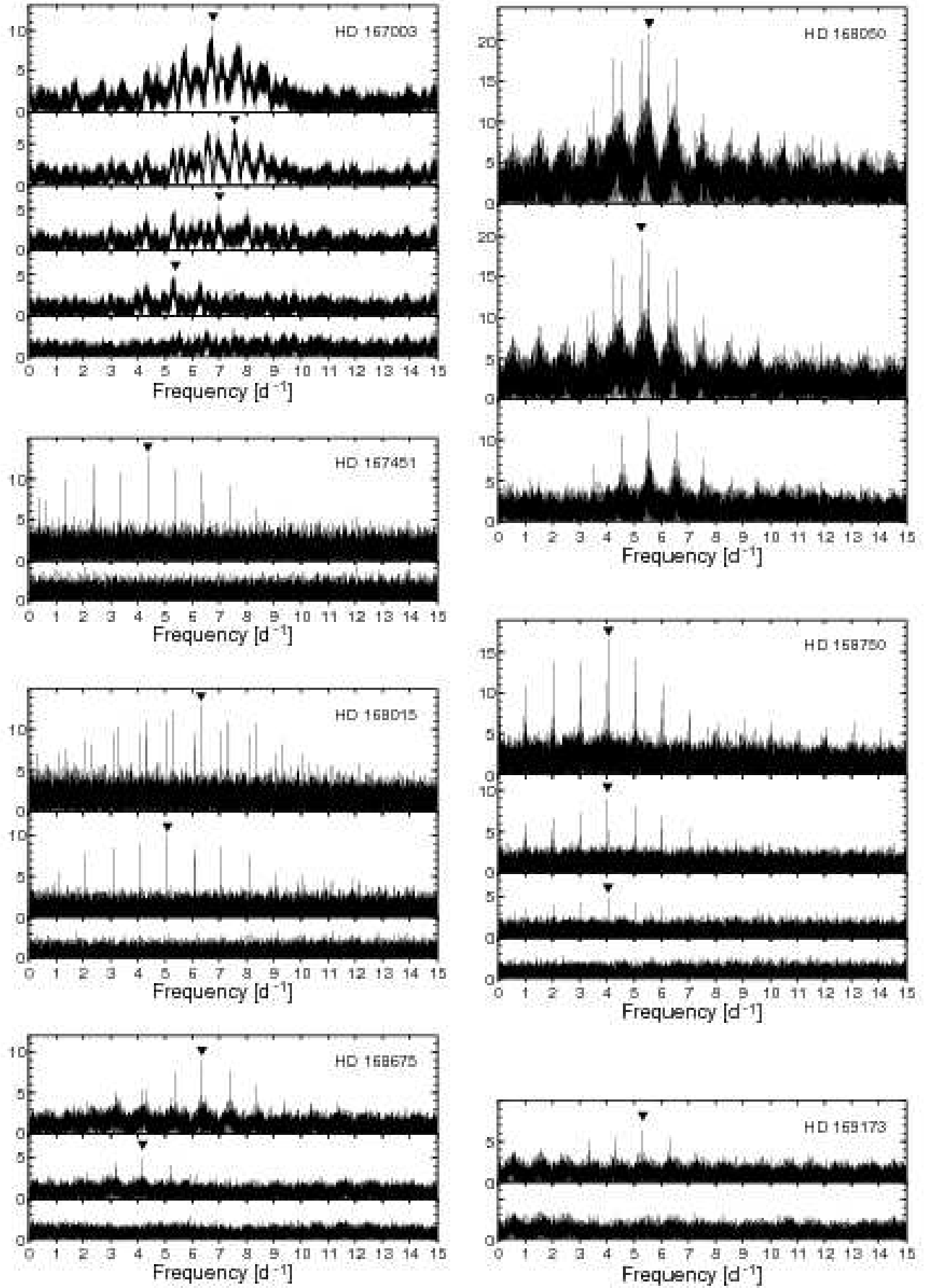


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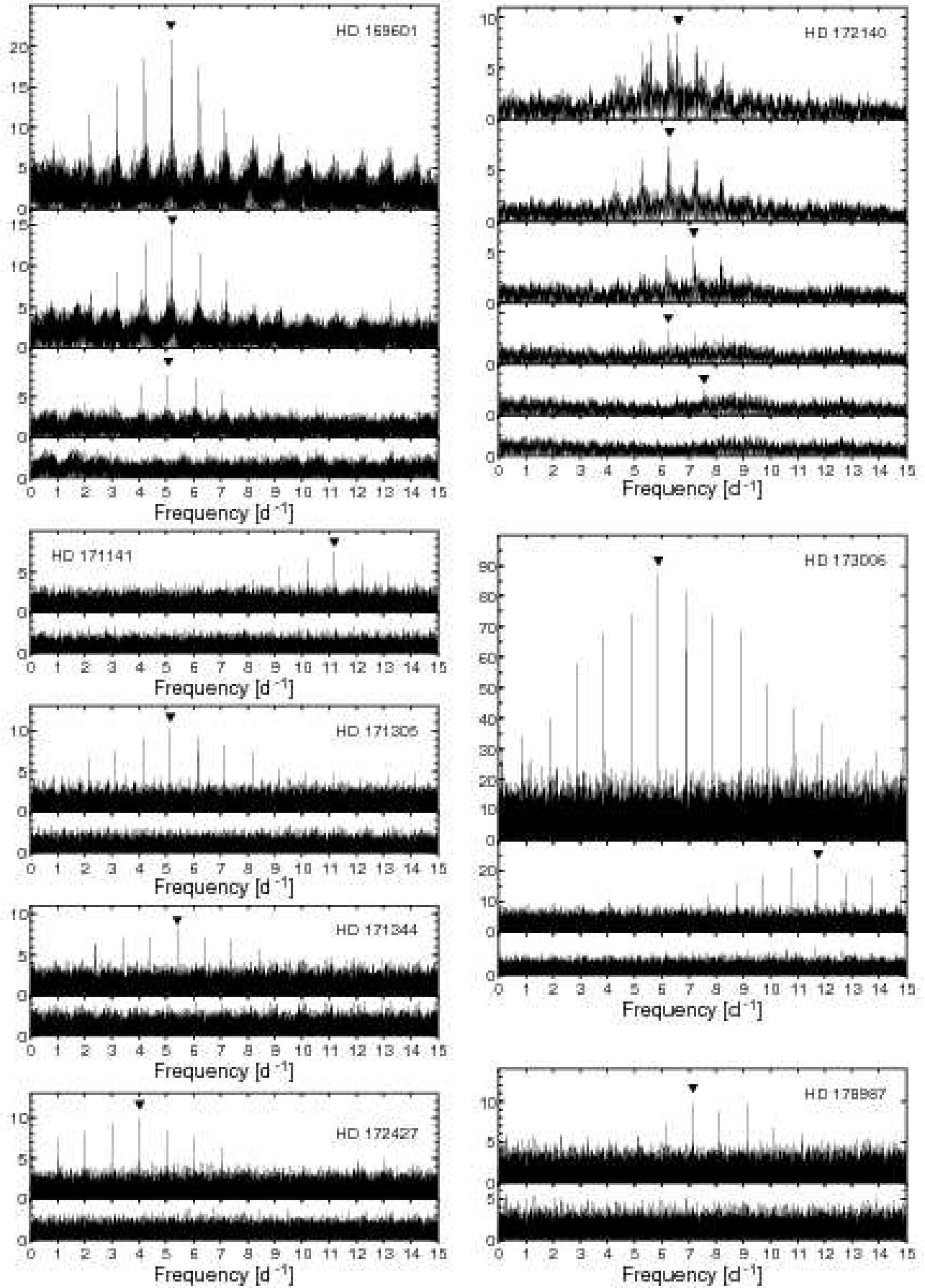


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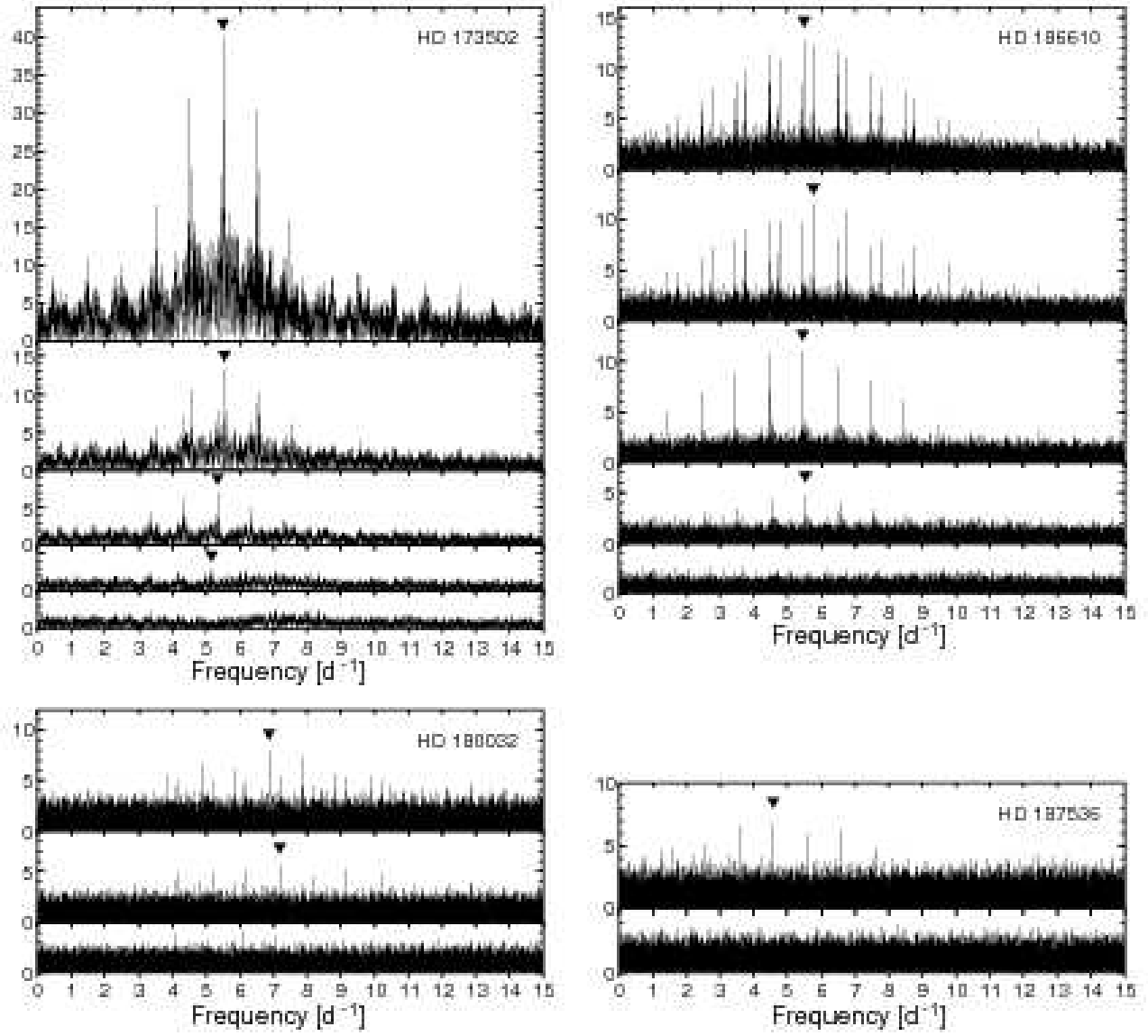


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